

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

• **Our March Presentation** •
Jean Wilcox Hibben

Dead Language/Dead People:
Translating Latin Records from the Catholic Church' &

'Is Your Brick Wall Topped by Barbed Wire?
Researching Ancestral Prisoners'

Sunday March 15, 2020 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.

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• MARCH ARTICLE TO READ •

'Do You Follow These "Rules" of Genealogy Research?'
Family History Daily

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/12-genealogy-research-rules/>

• Our March Presenter – Jean Wilcox Hibben •



Jean Wilcox Hibben; PhD, MA (DBA Circlemending), has been involved in family research for over 40 years. A former Board Certified genealogist, she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the National Genealogical Society (NGS), and is or has been on the following Boards: the California State Genealogical Alliance (now disbanded), the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, the So. Calif. Chapter of the Assoc. of Professional Genealogists (current President and past APG board member), and the Corona Genealogical Society (former president & current 1st VP and webmaster). She writes the “Ask Aunty Jeff” column for the Jefferson County, NY, Genealogical

Society *Informer* and 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 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 and Sara Cochran, they form Genealogy Journeys®, hosting genealogy events 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 Jean’s 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.”

Dead Language/Dead People: Translating Latin Records from the Catholic Church

Latin has been the traditional language used for the records of the Catholic Church. Focusing on records written before the early 1900s, this lecture looks at how to decipher the basic terms and identify the types of records found. Using examples from German Catholic Churches in Germany and the United States, I will help the researcher discover how to find needed information on baptisms, marriages, and deaths. Because the examples come from German research, it is advisable to determine if the prospective audience has origins in that country. Although Latin records are also used in other locales and there is bound to be a relationship between the Latin examples given here and the records found in other areas (Italy, Mexico, etc.), the uniqueness of Gothic German handwriting makes this presentation most helpful for those who are working on records from that country.

Is Your Brick Wall Topped by Barbed Wire? Researching Ancestral Prisoners

Get a glimpse into the past, the issues of housing scofflaws, and the changes made over time (mostly in America). Examples of criminals ranging from people being in the wrong place at the wrong time to hardened convicts who either could not stay OUT of jail or who, once in prison, never left; these case studies will help audience members see the issues of finding prisoner ancestors. If your forebear seemed to disappear, could it be that he (or she) had slipped onto the wrong side of the law? Learn what types of records might help reveal these realities.

RAOGK – Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness •

You are probably familiar with the free genealogy records at FamilySearch, USGenWeb, FindaGrave and others. But have you looked at the resources on RAOGK? Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness is a site to help others find documents at court houses, photos at cemeteries. These might be things that cannot be easily attained if you do not live in the area near your ancestors. It is web-based and is a volunteer organization.

This website was created by husband and wife Bridget and Doc Schneider in 1999. It grew rapidly from a local area volunteer service to offerings in the United States and abroad. It evolved to a volunteer force of 4,300 and was had completed over 71,000 requests.

The site went offline in October 2011 when the site had some issues with it's hard drive. In November, Bridget Schneider passed away. Four years later Doc brought the site back online in January 2015. They'd lost their list of volunteers but have built that list back up to 967 people as of the date of this publication.

This web site is also a valuable resource for research guides. They have US and state research guides. Within each category there are guides on specific topics. On the tab '**State Guides**' you will find links to each state. Within each state web page, you'll be able to find out about the counties. If you pull up the state page for Pennsylvania, you'll see on the left side links for:

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| ✓ Records Home | ✓ County Facts | ✓ Military Records |
| ✓ Archives & Societies | ✓ Cemetery Facts | ✓ Vital Records |
| ✓ Courthouse Records | ✓ Church Facts | ✓ Volunteer Lookups |

When I drilled down to Bedford County, Pennsylvania I found links to sites I did not know about. A few sites for that county are:

- ✓ Pioneer Historical Society of Bedford County
- ✓ Historical Maps of Bedford County
- ✓ Bedford Count, PA Genweb
- ✓ Bedford County Historical Society

Under to tab '**Record Guides**' you will find links to these guides and more:

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| ✓ US Census Records | ✓ US Cemetery Records | ✓ US Immigration Records |
| ✓ US Court Records | ✓ US Land Records | ✓ US Probate Records |

On the '**US Immigration**' link you will find:

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| ✓ Immigration Records Tips | ✓ How to Find Naturalization Records |
| ✓ How to Find Immigration Origins | ✓ Completing the Naturalization Process |
| ✓ Naturalization Record Tips | ✓ Ship Passenger Lists |

I couldn't possibly do justice to wealth of information on the RAOGK site in the space of this short column. You should experience it yourself. Find time this month or next to look through the website 'Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness' at <https://raogk.org/>. You might even consider signing up to be a volunteer.....

REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth

Snacks for March meeting: Bridget Dole, Diana Transue, Melanie Heath and Ginnie Wilcox

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott

At the February meeting there were 32 members and 4 visitors in attendance.

•QHGS President's Message •

Looking forward to March as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and await Spring. Who in your family is Irish? Do you know what county they were from? Have you found your ancestral home?

Our society is full of researchers with many hours of experience. Would you like to tell your story of how you found your ancestor? Can you give a presentation about how to locate certain records? We invite you to speak at a future meeting. Learning how someone else has researched in a country or state can give us ideas in our own research.

You do not have to be a professional speaker or have a fancy Power Point presentation. Don't want to speak for almost an hour, how about 15 or 30 minutes? We would like to hear from you if you are interested. Contact us at questingheirs@gmail.com

Reminder to "Tell a Friend" about our meeting and if they attend, you get one entry into the drawing for a free Ancestry DNA test that I will donate. The drawing will be at our June meeting. The winner need not be present.

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

• Learning Opportunities •

Conferences and Events

- ✓ 40th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy August 9-14 in San Diego. For more information see <https://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2020/hosts.cfm>
- ✓ Genealogical Society of North Orange County on Saturday, July 25. Save the date for their annual seminar. The speaker will be Luana Darby at the Danish Lutheran Church in Yorba Linda. For more information see <https://www.gsnocc.org/seminar.html>

Gena Philibert-Ortega's Cruises

- ✓ Great Alaska Gold: Pioneers and Family History. August 23-30, 2020: Seattle, Victoria, Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway. Presentations at sea by Cyndi Ingle, David Allen Lambert, Daniel Horowitz, Ron Arons, Tami Osmer Mize and Gena Philibert-Ortega.
- ✓ Viva Mexico: Sun and Fun on Land, Genealogy at Sea! February 6-11, 2021: Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas
For more information see <https://www.oconnelltravel.com/GroupRegistrations/view/85944> (for Mexico) or <https://www.oconnelltravel.com/rw/view/84648> (for Alaska) or www.GenealogyCruises.com

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

- ✓ March 11, 12: 'LucidChart and Other Tools for Genetic Genealogy' by Blaine Bettinger
- ✓ March 18: 'Top 5 resources to expand your Spanish genealogical Research' by Daniel Smith-Ramos
- ✓ March 24: 'City Directories: Much More than Ye Olde Phonebooks' by Mike Mansfield
- ✓ March 25: 'Using Fold3.com to your advantage' by Craig R. Scott
- ✓ For more information on all of their upcoming webinars see <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Genealogy YouTube Videos

- ✓ 'Tidying Up Your Genealogy' with The Barefoot Genealogist, Crista Cowan at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPLZHjclUc>
- ✓ 'Genealogy Brainstorming: I'm Stuck. Now What?' with The Barefoot Genealogist, Crista Cowan at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4ApyK75kGk>
- ✓ 'Back to the Basics: Genealogy 101' with The Barefoot Genealogist, Crista Cowan at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ct2bq6M7fNk&list=PL6fQmIL943nBokPzMQlhTQQI6p0crjiph&index=3>

• The California Library and Courts Building •



The California State Library at 914 Capitol Mall collects, preserves, produces and distributes a wide array of information. It was founded by the California State Legislature in 1850. It serves today as the main research and reference library for state government. The Library and Courts Building was named to the National Register of Historic Places on May 24, 1984. The two main buildings were designed by the San Francisco firm of Weeks and Day.

A granite pediment group created by New York sculptor Edward Field Sanford Jr. is featured on the north face. It is composed of seventeen figures and titled 'California's Gift to the World'. The figures represent the allegorical history of California and have the inscription 'Into the Highlands of the Mind Let Me Go'.

• Cup of Coffee Question •

This month's 'Cup of Coffee Question' will take a few minutes of research, so put your genealogy hat on. Here are a few facts:

- ✓ The sculptor, Edward Field Sanford Jr was born on April 6, 1886 in New York City.
- ✓ He was the son of Edward Field Sanford Sr. and Anna Maria.
- ✓ His father, Edward Field Sanford Sr. was born about 1858.



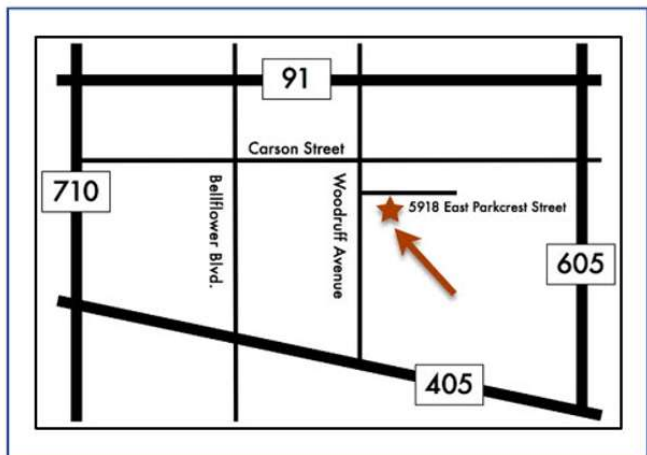
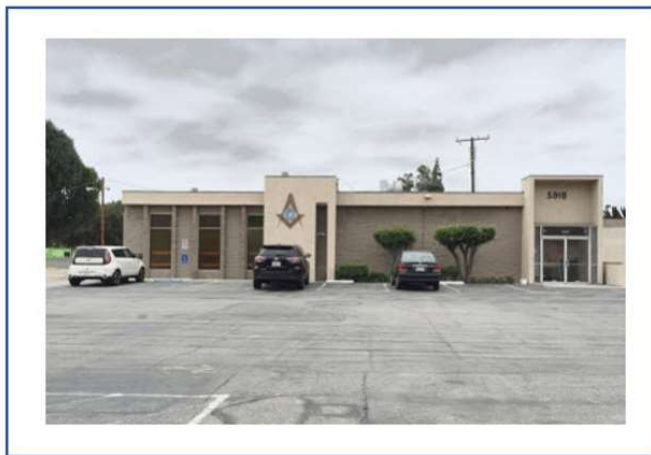
Question: What was Edward Field Sanford Jr.'s mother's maiden name?

Which answer is correct? Hansen Field Hopkins Howard

A winning entry will be picked from the correct answers at the next QHGS meeting. Win a gift card courtesy of Janice Miller.

Cup of Coffee Question Research Hints:

- ✓ The marriage record of the parents can be found on Ancestry in the record collection 'New York, Episcopal Diocese of New York Church Records', 1847-1970.
- ✓ Edward Sr. and Anna Maria were married in New York August 17, 1883 at the Church of the Advent.
- ✓ You can find Anna Maria's maiden name by looking up her son on page 1082 of the 1924 edition of *Who's who in New York, City and State*. This book can be searched on Google Books online. Try searching 'Who's Who in New York City and State, Volume 8'.



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