

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA



**The June 2020 QHGS meeting  
has been cancelled.**

For more information,  
Please read the president's  
message on page 33.

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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JUNE QUOTE

'Why waste money looking up your family tree?  
Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.'

- Mark Twain

## • QHGS President's Message •

Stay at home orders are now expected to be lifted on Independence Day (July 4th) but could change at any time. Because of this new date, we will not have a meeting in June. It is also possible that our July meeting may be too soon to meet.

When we meet again, I hope to hear about all your ancestor findings and brick walls that have toppled.

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

## • Ancestry® Society News Debuts in May 2020 •



We were contacted a few months ago about a new Ancestry publication that would begin in May. The content is relevant for genealogy societies. The May 2020 edition was emailed to QHGS members May 20<sup>th</sup> from our QHGS email account. I will be sending this out monthly, using the newsletter email list. If you do not receive your QHGS newsletter by email and have an email account, please contact Janice Miller and you will be added to receive Ancestry® Society News by email. My email address is in the member directory.

A few of the features in May are shown below. It is an interesting read and contains many hyperlinks to use.

- ✓ TV Show 'Roots Less Traveled'
- ✓ Ancestry Education content online
- ✓ Parade of Heroes event on Memorial Day
- ✓ New and updated collections online
- ✓ Civil War Stories Beta

## • Furthering your Genealogy Knowledge •

Whether you have been doing genealogy research for a few years or decades, there are always new things to learn. At RootsTech 2020 one speaker spoke about the steps to take toward professional genealogy accreditation. You may not be interested in professional accreditation. Another speaker told us that some of the most notable genealogists do not have accreditation credentials. Both speakers are correct.

Knowledge can come by simple trial and error. It also comes from study, experience and sharing with others. You can learn from local genealogy societies, conferences you attend and online learning experiences. There are as many ways to learn as there are people and personalities.

Do you have gaps in your knowledge? We all do. I'm a great believer in life-long learning no matter what the subject. Try creating a list of areas that you would like to learn more about. The list might even include subjects that you are curious about but have no immediate value to your family research or a brick wall. Make a plan to learn more about each of these subjects.

I hope that you will find something on the following list that intrigues you or something that will help expand your genealogy knowledge. No matter where we are in life, there is always something new to learn about.

***The list below is far from complete. The suggestions are only a few that your editor has bookmarked.***

**Books** – These books are commonly found in recommended reading lists, but there are many more. Each person's reading list will differ depending on their areas of interest and experience.

- ✓ *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources* edited by Alice Eichholz
- ✓ *Evidence Explained* by Elizabeth Shown Mills
- ✓ *Genealogy Standards* by the Board for Certification of Genealogists.
- ✓ *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* by Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne
- ✓ *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* by Thomas W. Jones
- ✓ *Organize Your Genealogy* by Drew Smith
- ✓ *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice and Standards* by Elizabeth Shown Mills
- ✓ *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger
- ✓ *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* edited by Lorretta Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking
- ✓ *Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com* by Nancy Hendrickson



### Colleges and Professional Organizations

- ✓ Boston University offers a seven week 'Genealogical Principles Course' and a fifteen week 'Certificate in Genealogical Research'. Their next sessions begin September 8, 2020. For information see <https://genealogyonline.bu.edu/>
- ✓ If you are interested in a degree program, BYU offers a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Family History. See <https://catalog.byu.edu/family-home-and-social-sciences/history/family-history-genealogy-ba>
- ✓ National Genealogical Society has three online programs online. They are 'American Genealogical Studies', 'Continuing Genealogical Studies' and 'Family History Skills Course'. For information see <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/genealogy-courses/>
- ✓ Salt Lake Community College offers a certificate in Genealogy Research and Writing in a U.S. Track or an International Track at <https://www.slcc.edu/continuinged/programs/genealogy.aspx>

**Magazines and Journals** - These journals or magazines are subscription or member based.

- ✓ Family Tree Magazine at <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/>
- ✓ Genealogy Today Magazine at <http://www.familychronicle.com/>
- ✓ Internet Genealogy Magazine at <https://internet-genealogy.com/>
- ✓ National Genealogical Society Magazine and Quarterly <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/magazine/>

### Learning Guides

- ✓ FamilySearch Research Wiki at [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page). It is described on the site as 'a free, online genealogy and family history guide that lists websites, provides research strategies, and suggests records and resources from all over the world.'
- ✓ The Family History Guide at <https://thefhguide.com> is a part of The Family History Guide Association, a charitable, non-profit organization funded by donations. It has links to thousands of articles and videos. You can also learn to use Ancestry, MyHeritage, FamilySearch and FindmyPast like a professional.

**Genealogy Blogs** – Think about bookmarking a few of these on your computer.

- ✓ Ancestry blog at <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/>
- ✓ Family Search blog at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/>
- ✓ Geni blog at <https://www.geni.com/blog/>
- ✓ Kitty Cooper's blog at <http://blog.kittycooper.com/>
- ✓ Lisa Louise Cooke's blog at <https://lilouisecooke.com/blog/>
- ✓ My Heritage blog at <https://blog.myheritage.com/>

**Webinars and YouTube** - Many of these are free, while a few require a fee to view.

- ✓ American Ancestors at <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes>
- ✓ Ancestry Academy at <https://www.ancestryacademy.com/browse>
- ✓ Family History Fanatics at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcVx-GSCjcdIUuAQATx0MOZOilcGHZGxN> (recommended by our QHGS President)
- ✓ FamilySearch Classes in the Learning Center at [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes\\_in\\_the\\_Learning\\_Center](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Classes_in_the_Learning_Center)
- ✓ Legacy Family Tree Webinars at <https://familytreewebinars.com/>
- ✓ RootsTech past session online at <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>
- ✓ The Barefoot Genealogist: Crista Cowan | Ancestry at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0xuz8BBkD4jIYjKEZo730DruihHzlky0>

### Subscribe for Free

- ✓ Are You My Cousin by Lisa Lisson at <https://lialisson.com/about/>
- ✓ Eastman's Online Genealogy at <https://blog.eogn.com/>
- ✓ Family History Daily at <https://familyhistorydaily.com/>
- ✓ Family Tree Magazine Newsletter at <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/>
- ✓ Genealogy Bank Newsletter at <https://www.genealogybank.com/newsletter-archives>
- ✓ Your Genealogy Today Newsletter at <http://www.familychronicle.com/>

### Pinterest

- ✓ Ancestry at <https://www.pinterest.com/ancestrycom/boards/>
- ✓ Family History Daily at [https://www.pinterest.com/family\\_history/boards/](https://www.pinterest.com/family_history/boards/)
- ✓ Family Tree Magazine at <https://www.pinterest.com/familytreemag/boards/>
- ✓ FamilySearch at <https://www.pinterest.com/familysearch/boards/>
- ✓ My Heritage at <https://www.pinterest.com/myheritagepins/boards/>

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## • Genealogy Television Shows – Have You Seen Them? •

How many of these nine genealogy TV shows have you watched? There are a few that I watched for the first time today. They each offer something different. Are you looking for stories about everyday people? Maybe you are looking for an inspiring story or some new techniques to include in your genealogy tool box. You are sure to find something interesting on each of these programs. Pick one that you might enjoy.



1. *A New Leaf*: This series is hosted by Daisy Fuentes and follows everyday people on their journey of discovery. You can watch the episodes online at <https://www.nbc.com/a-new-leaf/episodes>
2. *Ancestors*: BYU TV produced this series that interlaces personal stories with help from experts at <https://www.byutv.org/player/28af813c-da34-4549-89bb-40f161ad8d1c/ancestors-family-records>
3. *Finding Your Roots*: Henry Louis Gates interviews two or three well known celebrities. It can be seen on your local PBS channel or at <https://www.pbs.org/show/finding-your-roots/> for PBS members.
4. *Genealogy Road Show*: On this PBS series, experts answer family history questions showing records, family trees and documents for the guest's family. See <http://www.pbs.org/genealogy-roadshow/home/>
5. *Genetic Detective*: This ABC show features CeCe Moore and her team as they work with law enforcement to solve cases using DNA. See <https://abc.com/shows/the-genetic-detective>
6. *The Generations Project*: Secrets and hidden family identifies are uncovered helping guests know who they came from. See <https://www.byutv.org/show/6f62558b-fc6f-49c5-b8c6-2473785a5b44/generations-project>

7. *Long Lost Family*: The hosts reunite separated families with their birth parents or family using DNA and traditional research. For more about the episodes, see <https://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/long-lost-family/>
8. *Roots Less Traveled*: Sponsored by Ancestry, this is new this year. Two family members from different generations learn more about their family. See more at <https://www.nbc.com/roots-less-traveled>
9. *Who Do You Think You Are?*: Celebrities are able to find their ancestors and discover secrets from their past. You can watch past episodes at <https://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

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## • Learning Opportunities •

### Conferences and Events

- ✓ 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.GenealogyCruises.com)

### FamilySearch Webinars

- ✓ June 10: 'England Records Beyond the Grave'
- ✓ June 23: 'Oregon Land Donation Records'

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

### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

- ✓ June 16 and 17: 'Genealogical Treasures in Irish Archives' by David Ouimette
- ✓ June 17: 'Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1780 and 1840' by D. Joshua Taylor
- ✓ June 24: 'Utilizing the HathiTrust Digital Library for Family History Research' by Collene Robeldo Green
- ✓ July 8 and 9: 'Turning Dry Facts into Exciting Narrative' by Carol Baxter

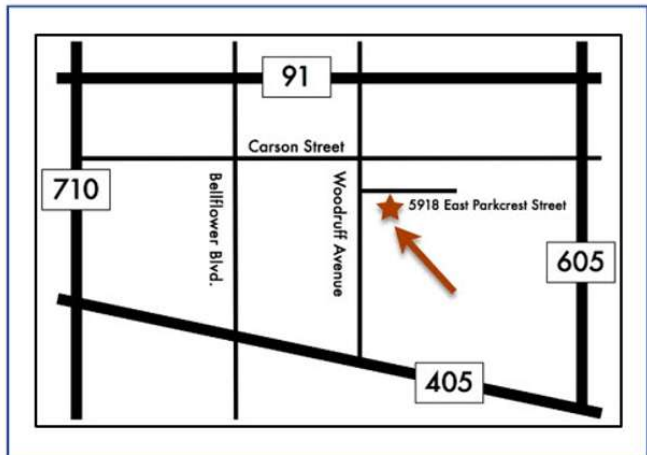
For more information on all of their upcoming webinars see <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

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## • Blogs to Read •

- ✓ 'Google Image Search for Genealogy: How to Use Your Family Photos to Expand Your Research' at <https://familyhistorydaily.com/family-history/google-image-search-for-genealogy/>
- ✓ 'When Your Family History Meets Technology' at <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2019/02/25/when-your-family-history-meets-technology/>
- ✓ 'The History of the Great 1918 Flu Pandemic: We All Wore Masks' by Gena Philibert-Ortega at <https://blog.genealogybank.com/the-history-of-the-great-1918-flu-pandemic-we-all-wore-masks.html>
- ✓ 'Health Tips from Our Ancestors: The 1918 Flu Pandemic' by Mary Harrell-Sesniak April at <https://www.genealogybank.com/newsletter-archives/202004/health-tips-our-ancestors-1918-flu-pandemic>





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