

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *Newsletter*

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MONTHLY MEETING: third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. Resurrection Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 1900 East Carson Street, Long Beach

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

1:15	Class	INTERMEDIATE: "Publishing Your Family Genealogy - Hardcopy" presented by Dave Werts
1:45	Period	HERITAGE SOCIETY: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented by Carol Bachand, Regent - Susan B. Anthony Chapter

2:00	Break	Time for chatting, browsing, and refreshments
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2:15	Business	
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2:30	General Meeting	SPEAKER: HAL HORROCKS ONE-NAME STUDIES
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WHY CITE YOUR SOURCES?

Slogans like “Genealogy without Documentation is Mythology” and “Without Proof there is No Truth” remind us that we should faithfully cite our sources. But you’re busy looking at one book after another or one database after another on the Internet and you don’t want to take the time to stop and record each of those sources—especially when you don’t find anything in some of them. And, after all, you’re just doing this research for yourself. Why bother?

First, for yourself!

Well, even if we are just looking for information about our families for ourselves, we tend to work on a particular branch of the tree for some time until we hit a “brick wall” or the sources just seem to peter out. Then we work on another branch for awhile. It may be months, or even years, before we take up the search for the earlier line again. Will you really remember the details of your previous searches if you didn’t record where you found the various bits and pieces of information you accumulated? You’ll have to waste time re-doing your previous work.

Then, so others can trust your work.

You might surprise yourself someday and want to publish your findings in some way, or just exchange information with someone else who is working on a common line. Your statements won’t be worth anything to anyone else unless they can see where you got your information. Don’t you find it frustrating when you find a book—or a lineage online—that has no documentation? Since you can’t trust the allegations made in them, they don’t help advance your own research. The same is true of others who look at the product of your labors.

One way to keep track of the searches you conduct is to keep a Research Log (or Calendar of Searches). On it you can record the date and place of your search, the name(s) you were looking for, the source citation (whether for a person, a record, a book/magazine, a film/fiche, or an Internet resource), any needed comments, and the results of your search. Be sure to record

the results of “nil” searches—those that don’t provide the information you were looking for. Otherwise, you will find yourself spending time looking at those same sources again.

There are a number of books available that describe how to cite sources. You can find a list of “Citations in Genealogy” on Cyndi’s List at <http://www.cyndislist.com>. Elizabeth Shown Mills published a comprehensive book on the subject last year entitled *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*. The ProGenealogists website includes an “Internet Citation Guide for Genealogists” at <http://www.progenealogists.com/resources.htm>.

One thing to remember about sources is that they are not necessarily accurate. That’s why it’s best to find two or three sources for each fact you document. Of course, that’s not always possible, but the goal is to find the most accurate one you can. Then be sure to cite the actual source you consulted. Was it an original document (photocopies count as originals) or was it a transcription or an abstract? Was it the original book, or did you see material from that book quoted in a later one?

Another thing is that the models presented in the books referred to above can’t cover every possible situation you might encounter, and they’re not carved in stone. Feel free to formulate your citations in any way that will make it easier for someone to locate the sources you used.

If you want to submit an article to a scholarly journal or join a lineage society, you should follow their citation guidelines; but for yourself, that isn’t necessary. The process of documenting your sources should not be a laborious task. Don’t get hung up on formatting techniques. Just try to be consistent in using whatever formula you adopt, and remember that the purpose of citing your sources is to provide enough information that anyone, including yourself, can locate them in the future.

The Editor

QUESTING HEIRS NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please mark 21 December on your calendar as the date of our Annual Meeting and Christmas Party. For those of you who have attended in the past, you know it always turns out to be a lot of fun and with plenty of good food! We will tell you more about it later.

I am now in Philadelphia for research and to attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) annual conference. I will represent Questing Heirs as a Delegate. FGS is trying to give more value for its membership; so, I expect to be bringing home new information and ideas for you.

Happy hunting!

Liz

MORE ON RALPHS REWARDS CARD

As we mentioned when Questing Heirs joined the Ralphs card program, it is necessary for our members who participate in the program to re-register once a year. The time is now! You must register your card with the Ralphs website between August 4 and August 31, 2008 to be effective September 1, 2008.

You must have the new "Rewards" card to enroll in this new term. All registrations at www.ralphs.com after August 4 will be effective beginning September 1. If you obtained your new Rewards card, and had your participation in the Community Contribution program automatically transferred to it, before August 4, it will be necessary for you to re-register before the end of this month.

Just follow the instructions in last month's newsletter. Remember, you will know your registration is in effect if you see "At your request, Ralphs is donating to Questing Heirs Genealogical Society" at the bottom of your bill.

Thanks to all who are participating in this plan. It has been very beneficial financially for our society.

REMINDER

September is membership renewal month for Questing Heirs members. You can pay your annual dues at our next meeting, or you can complete the form on the back of this newsletter and mail your check to the Society's Post Office Box. Membership levels are also listed on the back of the newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Chair, Sally Davis (phone 562-429-7803). Thanks for your continuing support.

NOTE: Submissions for the October 2008 Newsletter are due by September 28, 2008.



PIRATE ANCESTRY?

Shiver me timbers! If your surname is Morgan, Kidd, Teach, Rackham, Bonny or Read, there's a good chance there is a pirate lurking in your family tree. People who have these names could very well be related to Britain's most famous pirates, reports London's Telegraph.

Sir Henry Morgan – Born in 1635 in Glamorgan, Wales, Morgan was a privateer, which is a legal pirate. He eventually ruled Jamaica.

William Kidd – Born around 1645 in Renfrewshire, Scotland, Kidd started out as an honest, hardworking ship captain with a wife and two daughters. Like Morgan, he was [at first] considered a privateer.

Edward "Blackbeard" Teach – Thought to be born in Bristol around 1680, Blackbeard was famous for his beard.

John "Calico Jack" Rackham – Thought to be born in 1682, Calico Jack got his name from his habit of wearing brightly colored clothing. He may have been the first equal opportunity employer, hiring two female pirates, **Anne Bonny** and **Mary Read**.

The above is an excerpt from an article found by Liz Myers on CompuServe.

PROFILE OF SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department of California and the Pacific

General William S. Rosecrans Camp #2
serving

Los Angeles County, Ventura County and the Inland Empire

Mailing Address: 704 Virginia Street, El Segundo CA 90245
Email: camp2@suvpac.org
Website: www.suvcw.org
Meetings: Second Saturdays of odd numbered months
Pending renovation of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall meetings will be held at the El Segundo Rebekahs Lodge, 406 E. Grand Avenue, El Segundo, CA

The General William S. Rosecrans Camp is the senior Camp in the Department of California and the Pacific. Originally chartered in 1899, it was re-chartered in 1999. In essence the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a fraternal order dedicated to the memory of the “boys in blue” and the price they paid to preserve the Union. Our mission is both educational and historical; we honor our nation’s veterans (of all periods) but especially those who were members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Union Veterans formed the Grand Army of the Republic in 1866, which was the first general membership fraternal organization of veterans. In 1881 the Grand Army approved formation of an allied order, which came to be known as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The purpose of the Sons was to assist the G.A.R. and to perpetuate their memory and the cause for which they fought. In 1956 the last six members of the G.A.R. voted to disband and conveyed their property and records to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We carry on the mission today, as we have since 1881.

A major project of the SUVCW is our attempt to identify and mark every Union veteran’s gravesite. To this end we have created the National Graves Registration Database (<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/>) to document every Union burial, and many Confederate burials as well. As recently as April 2008 we dedicated a monument in Lancaster, at a Union veteran’s grave. As well, a marker was placed at a Confederate veteran’s grave in the same cemetery. This is a continuing national project.

Membership is open to any lineal or collateral descendant of a Union Veteran, who served in good character and never bore arms against the Union. Those not qualified by heredity but who subscribe to our goals are eligible to be Associate Members. SUVCW applicants must also never have been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime. Junior memberships are available for those under 14 years of age.

A number of our Camps are supported by ladies who are members of the National Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

Other Allied Orders are the Women’s Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We are proud to share in a common mission with our fraternal Sisters in these organizations.



OF INTEREST

**AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

General William S. Rosecrans Camp #2

At our August meeting, Camp Commander Chumley shared with QHGS the information that the charter for this Auxiliary has been approved, the first one for Southern California. Indeed it has, and there will be a very special meeting/ceremony to establish the Auxiliary. It will take place on Saturday, August 30, starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Huntington Beach Historical Society Civil War Reenactment Event at Central Park in Huntington Beach. Several of you expressed an interest in the Auxiliary. Department President Rachelle Campbell will be present at this event. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to come and meet the members of the Auxiliary and to learn more about our organization.

For those of you who would like to join the Auxiliary, it requires the recommendation of a Sister in good standing. I will be most happy to provide that recommendation for you. There is still a small window of opportunity to become a Founding Member of the Auxiliary. If you are interested, please let me know, and I will see that you receive an application form.

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BACK TO SCHOOLS...

Back To Schools – Colleges – Universities
http://www.academic-genealogy.com/schools_collegesuniversities.htm

Check out school records, genealogical resources and history in University libraries, archives, subject guides and link sites.
http://www.academic-genealogy.com/schools_collegesuniversities.htm#Records

EXAMPLES:

Did you know that the University is now a leading source for the promotion of genealogy and family research worldwide? In the United States, there is more than the excellent Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University. <http://familyhistory.byu.edu>

The University of Southern California has the comprehensive Institute for British and Irish Studies – IBIS Links, the web's premier site for electronic resources in British and Irish Studies. <http://college.usc.edu/history/ibis/links/index.html>

Also, the University of Strathclyde has Scottish Family History. <http://www.strath.ac.uk/jhlibrary/sr/scotfam>
And the University of Oxford has the Prosopographical Research Unit at Linacre College. <http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/Linacre/new/prosopographical-research-unit/prosopography>

Are you aware that the Texas A&M University has Reminiscence for Family History, Oral History Techniques, including Family History Questionnaire? http://fcs.tamu.edu/families/aging/remembrance/family_history_questionnaire.php

Would you consider it important to review Leiden University: History of International Migration: Links? <http://www.let.leidenuniv.nl/history/migration/links.html>

The excerpts above are from a post by Tom Tinney, Sr., on the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) mailing list of 8 Aug 2008.

NEWS

UPCOMING SEMINARS

**VENTURA COUNTY GEN. SOC.
30TH ANNUAL SEMINAR**

Saturday, October 18, 2008
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Church of Latter Day Saints
3501 Loma Vista Road, Ventura

The featured presenter is Henry Z. "Hank" Jones who will be speaking on the following topics:

- "When the sources are Wrong"
- "Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine and Other Emigrants"
- "Family Traditions: How to Separate Fact from Fantasy in Genealogical Research"
- "Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where We've Been & Where We're Going"

The registration fee, which includes lunch and a syllabus, is \$40.00 for non-members. A registration form is available at their website:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cavegs>.

You can also contact Gwenda Tucker at 805-485-7930 or bisbeenme2@aol.com.

**CORONA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
"Stones, Bones, and Ancient Tomes"**

Saturday, October 25, 2008
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Corona Public Library
650 S. Main Street, Corona

This event is FREE and open to the public. Display booths will be manned by knowledgeable CGS members who will be available to assist anyone with beginning genealogy, organizing materials, related software, writing family history, restoring/preserving documents and photos, help with Internet searches, and more.

CGS members and invited speakers will conduct jam-packed mini-seminars on various subjects, including the following.

- "Beginning Family History," Jean Hibben

- "Writing Your Life Story," Bobby Title
- "Why Do Family History?" Nancy Carlberg
- "Sneak Peek at the Corona Cemetery Walk," Diane Wright
- "Corona Family History Center," Jim Miller
- "Library Resources," Corona Library Staff
- "Family Tree Maker Software," Len Enlow

More information may be found at their website: www.CoronaGenSoc.org.

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See the Calendar, page 72.



INDEXED RECORDS ON FamilySearch.org

The recent announcements of joint census projects with FamilySearch and affiliate companies, such as findmypast.org and Ancestry.com, have caused some confusion. FamilySearch patrons and indexing volunteers are wondering if the indexes created from their efforts will continue to be free to the public. The answer is a resounding YES!

All data indexed by FamilySearch volunteers will continue to be made available for free to the public through FamilySearch.org—now and in the future. Access to related digital images may not always be free to everyone...Where possible, FamilySearch will seek to provide free public access to digital images of original records. Due to affiliate obligations, free access to some images may be available only to FamilySearch members [including patrons at Family History Centers].

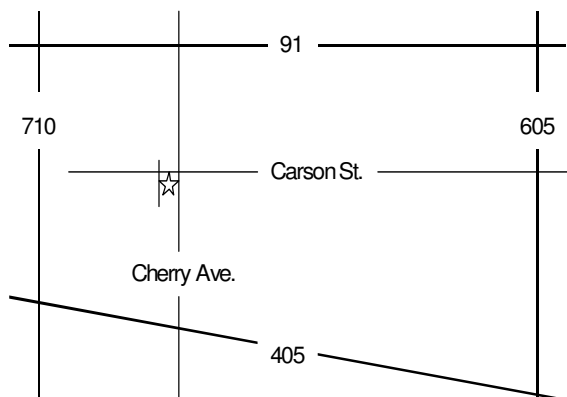
The above information was extracted from an announcement by FamilySearch that appeared in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter on 29 July 2008. The article may be read in its entirety at <http://blog.eogn.com>. Copyright © 2008 by Richard W. Eastman.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. Genealogical Society of North Orange County, California monthly meeting at the Yorba Linda Community Center (Imperial Room A), Imperial Highway & Casa Loma, Yorba Linda. Program: “Photo Editing Programs and Their Use in Genealogy” by Chris Hansen.

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society monthly meeting at the Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance. Program: Library Series, Part 3. Guided Tour of Torrance Public Library and SBCGS Genealogical Collections.

Sunday, September 21, 1:15–3:30 p.m. Questing Heirs Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Parish Hall, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1900 East Carson Street, Long Beach. Parking and entrance on Gardenia Avenue, one block west of Cherry Avenue. See map below. For meeting information, please see page 66.



Sunday, September 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m. British Isles Family History Society-USA monthly meeting at the Los Angeles Regional FHC.* Program: “Using DNA to Augment Your Genealogical Research” by Alice Fairhurst.

Saturday, October 4, 11:00 a.m. Orange County, California, Genealogical Society monthly meeting at the Huntington Beach Central Library,

7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach. Main speaker (Rooms C&D): “U.S. Ports of Arrival and Their Records” by Elaine Alexander.



**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY G. S.
FALL SEMINAR
“Sharing Your Family’s Story”**

Saturday, October 18, 2008
9: a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Carlsbad City Council Chambers
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad

Featuring:

- Wayne Anderson: From Database to Book
- Phyllis Young: Using a Short Run Publisher
- Larry Brooks: Getting a Big Publisher’s Attention
- Jan Mongoven: Do-It-Yourself Publishing

Registration for non-members is \$15, box lunch provided for \$7.50. You can download a registration form at their website:

<http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs>

Or you can contact Nina Anderson:
by phone at 760-599-9958 or
by e-mail at ninaanderson@sbcglobal.net.

*FHC stands for Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. FHCs are open free of charge to members of the general public interested in doing genealogical research. Volunteers are on hand and will gladly give you assistance. Regular hours for the Los Angeles Regional FHC are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. The LARFHC is located on the grounds of the Los Angeles Temple, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Los Angeles; their phone number is (310) 474-9990. Their web page at <<http://www.larfhc.org>> provides details of their extensive collection. There are smaller FHCs locally, in Long Beach at 3701 Elm Avenue in Bixby Knolls, phone (562) 988-0509, in Los Alamitos, phone (714) 821-6914, and in Cerritos, phone (562) 924-3676. It is advisable to call ahead to the local centers, as their hours may change from time to time.