

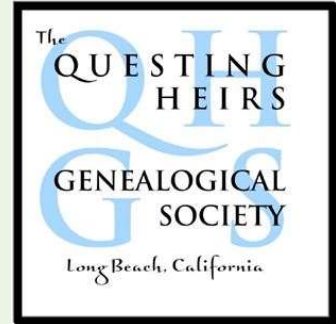
QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

August QHGS MEETING
 Sunday, August 19, 2018

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 Terry Hamilton

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Monthly Meetings


Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest Street, in Long Beach California. See map on the last page.

Membership Levels

Individual: \$25.00
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Thought for the Month

If you think your family is normal,
 then you are probably not a genealogist.
 -Unknown-

Welcome to the following guests who attended our July QHGS meeting. We hope to see you at future meetings.

Joan Nourani, Michael Bandiera, and Nancy Jo Carrier

Our August Speakers

An Adoption Story • Terry Hamilton

Our own Terry Hamilton will share her journey to find her birth family. Terry will tell us how she researched records and evaluated DNA results. Hers is a story that ends with a reunion and traveling to meet her biological family.

We have read books detailing the research others have taken on to unravel the mystery of an adoption. Some of us have helped others evaluate records and DNA to locate birth families. Hour long television series condense the stories of these searches so that they look straight forward and easy. But in reality, research can take many years and many brick walls must be overcome.

Whether you have been involved in adoption research or not, hearing Terry's story will be very interesting and insightful to all of us.

A Refresher on Genealogy Forms • Terry Hamilton and Tina McKillip

Questing Heirs Terry Hamilton and Tina Yanis will walk us through a group of forms that are used to record our findings in our genealogy research. This is be a refresher on forms and how to fill in the details as we research records.

How many of us have written a detail on a piece of paper to be added to our records later? We might find ourselves doing that research again, following the same trail because we've misplaced that small piece of paper. We can always learn new things no matter how long we have been doing genealogy research. They will provide copies of some of the forms to use at home.

How to Use Pinterest with Genealogy • Janice Miller

Are you currently a Pinterest user? Did you know that 200 million people use Pinterest every month? Half of those are international users. Pinterest is a free web site that allows registered users to upload, save and manage images with links to content.

Why should you use it? You can create a board about cities that you are researching. Maybe you'd like to post ancestor photos to share with other family or genealogists. While researching, you find an article you want to read but don't have time at the moment. "Pin" that article and save it as a link to come back to later. Find out about what articles are available on the web. You can also connect with other family members you may never have known.

Pinterest can be used on your phone, tablet or computer. Hear more about it at our next meeting and see a visual tour of what it can do for you.

Cemeteries • What Can They Tell Me?

When I first started on my genealogy journey, I honestly hadn't thought to look at cemeteries. My mother taught me to collect paper birth and death records, find relatives in the census and send hand written letters to second and third cousins. But genealogy research has evolved so much in the last thirty years.

If you haven't found the gravesites of your ancestors you may be missing some very revealing details about their lives. Online cemetery searches are a place to start. Many cemeteries now have online records. The most popular sites are Find a Grave and Billion Graves. Both of these sites are driven by user contributions. If you are lucky, you will find a listing for your ancestor with birth and death dates, and a maiden name. Family members can be linked. Users can include a photo of the individual, the grave and some people include a copy of the obituary or a small family history.

Many in our group have been contributors on Find a Grave and have been lucky enough to meet many other genealogy enthusiasts with similar research interests. An entry in Find a Grave is shown below.



Hilda R Johnson Smith

BIRTH 1867
DEATH 1922 (aged 54–55)
BURIAL Wildwood Cemetery
Salem, McCook County, South Dakota, USA
MEMORIAL ID 134636237 · [View Source](#)

Spouses

- Carl August Chalberg**
1859–1900
- Fred F. Smith**
1867–1955 (m. 1915)

Children

- Elmer Leon Chalberg**
1895–1970

Source: Find a Grave

If you are looking for burial information about your family, you might not even find a complete name on the headstone when visiting the cemetery. Three generations of one family were in the same area of a cemetery. Their full names are not on the headstones.



Close family members knew who they were, but through a collaboration of several people on Find a Grave many details were added. Death certificates, links to the graves of family members, vital record information, photos of the individuals and more are listed. There is a lot information out there and you can put together details that might be missing in your family tree.

If you don't have a cemetery photo there are volunteers who will take a photo for you if it is out of the area. You may even find children at the cemetery that you did not know existed. You might not have known to look for them because they were born and died between censuses.

If there is a military marker or plaque, it will give their rank and branch of service. Membership in fraternal societies, unions or religious organizations can be seen by symbols on the gravestone. Those can lead you to records of those organizations. For a visual listing of some of the symbols look at this page on the United States Genealogy & History Network: <https://msgnh.org/usghn/symbols.html>

'Five Photos You Should Take at the Cemetery'

Amy Johnson Crow published an article on her blog April 7, 2017 that is worth reading. In it, Amy describes essential photos you should take when you visit a cemetery to locate ancestor graves.

1. The Cemetery Sign
2. The Entire Tombstone
3. Close-up Details
4. The Wider Shot
5. The Neighbors

To read this story and see more details: <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/5-photos-you-should-take-at-the-cemetery/>

How Can Siblings Have DNA Showing Different Ethnicity Estimates

From Dick Eastman's Blog · July 17, 2018 · <http://www.eogn.com>

If you have a DNA test performed and it shows 35% German ancestry, 25% Irish ancestry, 10% Scandinavian ancestry, and the rest from the Middle East, does that mean your brother or sister will show exactly the same results if they also take a DNA test? Actually, the answer usually is “no.”

How can full-siblings have different ethnicities when they have the same parents? It's a consequence of the complex relationship between genetics, ancestry, and ethnicity.

It is usually because one sibling received more or fewer genes from one parent than the other. In contrast, the sibling may have received more genes from the second parent and fewer from the first.



Photo source: Wiki Commons public domain

Confused? Dick Eastman recommends an article and a graphic in the *Genealogy Explained* web site at <http://bit.ly/2NnKr29> that will explain it.

Blog Stories to Read this Month

FamilySearch Blog: The Immigration Act of 1924 and the End of Ellis Island

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/immigration-act-1924-ellis-island/>

Amy Johnson Crow: Finding Hidden Records on Family Search

<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/finding-hidden-records-on-familysearch/#more-5117>

The Legal Genealogist: Documenting Ourselves

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2018/07/28/documenting-ourselves/>

Coming in September

QHGS Membership renewal time is coming up in September. Look for more information and the renewal form in September's issue of the QHGS Newsletter.

Genealogy Learning Opportunities

South Orange County California

Genealogy Society

October 20, 9 AM - 3:30 PM

'Successful Tools for Genealogy Research' by

Thomas MacEntee

- ✓ '10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy'
- ✓ 'Mind Mapping Your Research Plans & Results'
- ✓ 'How Do I Know What I Don't Know'
- ✓ 'After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research'

For more information see www.socccgs.org

FamilySearch

August 23 - 'Swedish Moving Records'

August 30 - 'Genetic Genealogy: An Introduction to DNA'

August 30 - 'DNA: I've Tested. Now What?'

For more information

see: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library Genealogy Club

August 30, 5 PM - 6:30 PM

'Trace Your Roots Across the Ocean'

by Linda Serna

For more information:

<http://www.ocpl.org/libloc/larossmoor/calendar>

Family Tree Webinars

August 8 - 'Genealogical Proof for the Novice

Genealogist' by Annette Burke Lytle

August 10 - '50 Websites to Find Vital Records'

by Gena Philbert-Ortega

August 15 - 'Untangle the Web of German

Websites' by Teresa Steinkamp

August 21 - 'GPS: Finding Your Way Through

Tough Research Problems' by James Ison

August 28 - 'How Photos Enhance Genealogical

Research' by Daniel Horowitz

For more information:

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

New Records on FamilySearch

Georgia Deaths 1928-1942

New York State Census 1905

Tennessee Deaths 1914-1966

Native American Census Rolls 1885-1940

Pierce County, Washington, Marriage Returns
1891-1938

These are just a few of the new additions.

For a complete listing see:

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/records-familysearch-july-2018/>

New Records on Ancestry

New York State, Birth Index, 1881-1942

Virginia, Birth Records, 1912-2014, Delayed

Birth Records, 1854-1911

Louisiana, Soldiers in the War of 1812

Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935

Updated U.S., Cemetery and Funeral Home
Collection 1847-2018

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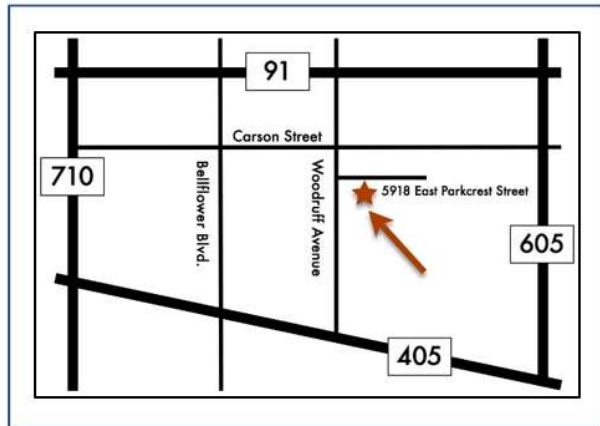
<https://www.ancestry.com/cs/recent-collections>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance at our July meeting: 33 members and 3 guests

REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth

Our August hosts are: Terry Hamilton and Janice Miller



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