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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, APRIL 17, 2005

1:15	Class Period	Let's Get Acquainted: Long Beach Stake Family History Center presented by Jacqueline Volin, LB FHC Director
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2:15	Break	Time for chatting, browsing, and refreshments
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2:30	General Meeting	SPEAKER <b>LISA SCHUMACHER</b> <b>Finding Your Family in the 1930 Census</b>
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## APRIL MEETING

SPEAKER: LISA SCHUMACHER

Lisa Schumacher has been conducting genealogical research for twenty years, and works as a supervisor and instructor at the Los Angeles Family History Center. She has been on the South Bay Genealogical Society's Board of Directors for seven years and is that society's delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conferences. Lisa will offer updated information on researching the 1930 Census.



CLASS: Let's Get Acquainted:  
Long Beach Stake Family History Center

Our guest at the April meeting will be Jacqueline Volin, director of the Long Beach Stake Family History Center. Join us for a discussion of the services and programs the Center offers. Also joining us will be our own Recording Secretary, Linda Artuso, one of the friendly volunteers who staff the Center, and perhaps other staff members as well.

The Long Beach Stake FHC is located at 3701 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807, at the southwest corner of the building. Phone: (562) 988-0509. Hours are:

Sunday	5pm – 7pm
Monday	9am – 1pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	9am – 1pm & 6:30 – 9pm
Thursday & Friday	closed
Saturday	10am – 2pm

Spanish language assistance is available Sunday and Tuesday evenings. Services include microfilm and microfiche readers and copier, computers with Internet connection, and collection of reference material available for your use.



An expert is a person who has made all  
the mistakes that can be made  
in a very narrow field.

NIELS BOHR

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeanette (Marcus) JONES (562) 421-5610

## MARCH MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members: 35                      Guests: 6

## NEW MEMBERS

John DRANCHAK	Individual	9/05
Douglas JORDAN	Individual	9/05
Brenda KNEPPER	Individual	9/05

## FINANCIAL REPORT

David WERTS (562) 431-7790

February Income	\$ 60.01
February Expenses	256.74

Balance as of February 28, 2005 \$ 6,752.99

Invested in CDs in February at 3.25% interest	\$ 20,000.00
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## REFRESHMENTS

Georgie (Peterson) LYONS (562) 432-4908

Thanks to our March hosts:  
Marilyn (DeLonjay) BRASHER  
Carol JOHNSON  
Georgie (Peterson) LYONS

Our April hosts will be:  
Arlene ANDERSON  
Liz (Stookesberry) MYERS  
Tina YANIS

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P R E S I D E N T ' S   M E S S A G E

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE, BUT GENEALOGY WILL COST YOU

**I**n my opinion, most genealogical records should be public records. The records kept by governments were collected on behalf of the people those governments represent. Indeed, history, including genealogical information, is the property of the human race. The first time I ran into a contrary view was when I discovered *my* genealogical information for sale on a Family Tree Maker CD. I know many of our members had the same unpleasant experience! Then it got worse: the same data was published about 59 more times on new CDs, but without the notes from my original GED file! Apart from the insult, the cost was far too high compared with the quality of the data. But I have come to understand that it costs money to provide information.

Today, most major vendors provide an acceptable level of quality at a reasonable price, or they soon disappear. Overall, the content is

better, and it is easier to use. But one problem still bothers me. Why are some of the large information services only accessible from libraries? I'm thinking here of ProQuest, the vendor of the Heritage Quest service. Questing Heirs would like to provide this service to our members, perhaps through our web site. At last report, ProQuest is no longer offering this service except through libraries. Even a business with an actual library, Everton Publishing Company, seems to have been denied access to Heritage Quest—after signing a contract! (See the Everton web site, [www.everton.com](http://www.everton.com) for the continuing saga.) There's something wrong here! The whole point of providing information over the Internet is that you shouldn't have to leave home! You shouldn't have to go to a library just to use the computer, and your access to information services should not be limited by the decisions of your

local library!

The real problem may be the lack of a clear financial model for information services, and perhaps a lack of adequate security software. ProQuest has to recover its operating costs, of course, but they also need to base fees they charge their customers on the actual operating costs those customers incur, so that they can support customers of all sizes. If they fail to do this, they will be overtaken by some other vendor who can offer the services we need at a fair price.

The Long Beach Public Library subscribes to Heritage Quest, but the library web site says you must come to the library to use it. ProQuest recently told one of our members that was not true, and so we will continue to try to get to the bottom of this story.

—John McCoy

S O C I E T Y   N E W S

QHGS AT O. C. FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Orange County Family History Fair will be held at the Orange Stake Family History Center, 674 South Yorba Street, Orange, California, on April 23, 2005 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. There are thirty-five different free classes to choose from, but the syllabus containing the notes for all the classes costs \$10. You should send your registration in right away to be sure a copy is reserved for you. A box lunch can be purchased in advance for \$7.25. Our own Liz Myers and John McCoy will each be presenting two classes. See the next page for a complete list of classes and the registration form. For more information, call the Orange FHC at (714) 997-7710.

QHGS AT SCGS JAMBOREE

The 2005 Jamboree & Resource Expo, sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society, will be held Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14 at the Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel & Convention Center. [For more information on the Jamboree itself, please see page 32.] Questing Heirs will have a display table at the Jamboree, and we need volunteers to man the table. The more volunteers, the less time each one has to stay at the table! Take advantage of this opportunity to hear some first-rate speakers. If you can volunteer, or if you want to coordinate transportation with other members, please come to our April meeting!

# FAMILY HISTORY FAIR April 23, 2005, at 674 S. YORBA ST., ORANGE, CA.

REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLY: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Caroline Rober

SESSION I.. 10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

- A. \*BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY PART 1  
by Caroline Rober
- B. USING YOUR COMPUTER AS A RESEARCH TOOL  
by Barbara Renick
- C. \*CENSUS STRATEGIES AND SUBSTITUTES  
by Celia Christensen
- D. \*USING MAPS  
by Liz Stookesbury Myers
- E. SCOTTISH RESEARCH AFTER 1855  
by Kathleen Kane
- F. \*FAMILY HISTORY INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES  
by Dr. Gary Shumway
- G. UNDERSTANDING CYRILLIC WRITING (Russian and Slavic countries) by Doug Ayer

SESSION II. 11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

- A. \*BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY PART 2  
by Caroline Rober
- B. \*ONLINE TOOLS FOR GENEALOGISTS  
by Barbara Renick
- C. \*USING THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
by Alan Jones
- D. GERMAN SOURCES IN THE UNITED STATES  
by Doug Ayer
- E. SCOTTISH RESEARCH BEFORE 1855  
by Kathleen Kane
- F. \*INVESTIGACION GENEALOGICA HISPANA  
PARA PRINCIPIANTES by Michael Brady
- G. SEARCHING IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES  
by Celia Christensen

LUNCH BREAK: 12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Brown bag, box lunch or fast food (maps of nearby eating places at registration tables)

SESSION III. 1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

- A. \*WHAT TO DO WHEN THERE ARE NO VITAL RECORDS  
by Ted Gostin
- B. \*PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE SOFTWARE FOR BEGINNERS by Wynn Christensen
- C. \*PRESERVING YOUR OWN LIFE  
by Tom Underhill
- D. RESEARCHING YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR  
by Michael Sorenson
- E. PROBATE RECORDS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES  
by Beth McCarty

F. \*BEGINNING HISPANIC RESEARCH (in English)

by Mike Brady

G. \*RESEARCH IN FRENCH-SPEAKING SWITZERLAND

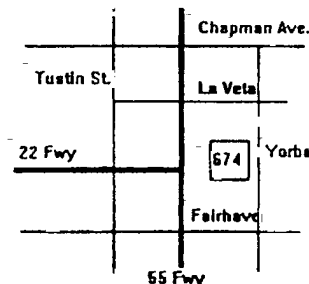
by John McCoy

SESSION IV. 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- A. \*WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY:  
USING PROBATE RECORDS by Celia Christensen
- B. \*USING PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE UTILITIES  
by Wynn Christensen
- C. \*MIGRATION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES  
by Dr. Gary Shumway
- D. FOR L.D.S.: PREPARING THE GIFT OF FAMILY HISTORY  
by Alan Jones
- A. USING THE HAMBURG PASSENGER LISTS  
by Joan Lowrey
- F. NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH PART 1  
by Daniel Bartosz
- G. A LITTLE LATIN FOR GENEALOGISTS  
by Doug Ayer

SESSION V. 3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.

- A. \*RAMMING THROUGH BRICK WALLS  
by Liz Stookesbury Myers
- B. USING ANCESTRY.COM  
by Alan Jones
- C. HOW TO WRITE A COMPELLING FAMILY HISTORY  
By Tom Underhill
- D. WHO WERE THE HUGUENOTS?  
by John McCoy
- E. DID THEY REALLY COME ON THAT SHIP?  
by Joan Lowrey
- F. NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH PART 2  
By Daniel Bartosz
- G. FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LEADER'S WORKSHOP  
by Beth McCarty



\* Especially good for beginners  
FAMILY HISTORY CENTER OPEN UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

## REGISTRATION / ORDER FORM

PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 13, 2005

Make check or money order payable to: ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Mail check with this form to: Family History Fair 11921 Manley St. Garden Grove, CA 92845

### SESSION PLANNER

Circle one class in each session

Session I	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Session II	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Session III	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Session IV	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Session V	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stake (if LDS) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Class Syllabus \$10.00 ☐

Box Lunch \$7.25 ☐

I Need: Spanish Translation ☐ Hearing Impaired Interpreter ☐

NO CHARGE FOR CLASSES

## MAPS FOR USE IN GENEALOGY

*Handout for the presentation given by Elizabeth Myers to Questing Heirs Genealogical Society on March 20, 2005.*

University of Texas Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection	One of the very best web sites.	<a href="http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/Map_collection.html">http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/Map_collection.html</a>
National Geographic Map Machine	Comprehensive in its geographic and substantive scope.	<a href="http://www.nationalgeographic.com/maps/">http://www.nationalgeographic.com/maps/</a>
Graphic Maps Clip Art for Web Sites	At absolutely no charge, all clip art featured at this site can be used without approval on any web site, or intranet site, worldwide. This excellent site features a wide array of images including: continents, countries, flags, globes, USA, and the world.	<a href="http://www.graphicmaps.com/clipart.htm">http://www.graphicmaps.com/clipart.htm</a>
Maps in the News University of Minnesota John R. Borchert Map Library	A superb compendium of maps.	<a href="http://www-map.lib.umn.edu/news.html">http://www-map.lib.umn.edu/news.html</a>
United Nations Cartographic Section English language version	Digitally-prepared current maps available for reference and download, including one hundred general world and scores of current and historical peacekeeping mission maps in PDF format.	<a href="http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/english/htmain.htm">http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/english/htmain.htm</a>
Worldtime	Map-based information on local time and sunrise and sunset times in several hundred cities, and a database of public holidays worldwide.	<a href="http://www.worldtime.com/">http://www.worldtime.com/</a>
U.S. Census Bureau TIGER Mapping Service	High-quality, detailed maps of anywhere in the United States, with multiple layers and elective marker placement.	<a href="http://tiger.census.gov/">http://tiger.census.gov/</a>
Maps of the States	U.S. states, Canadian provinces and territories, Australian states, and European countries.	<a href="http://welcome.to/states_maps">http://welcome.to/states_maps</a>
Mapping the National Parks	A Library of Congress collection of approximately two hundred maps dating from the seventeenth century to the present, which documents the history, cultural aspects, and geological formations of areas that eventually became national parks.	<a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphhtml/">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphhtml/</a>
CIA Maps & Publications		<a href="http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/mapspub/country-frame.html">http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/mapspub/country-frame.html</a>
Atlapedia	Offers full color physical and political maps as well as key facts and statistics on countries of the world.	<a href="http://www.atlapedia.com">http://www.atlapedia.com</a>
Quick Maps of the World	Small GIF maps of the countries of the world.	<a href="http://www.theodora.com/maps/abc_world_maps.html">http://www.theodora.com/maps/abc_world_maps.html</a>

Defense-Link	The principal web site for the Department of Defense, features maps and copyright-free photographs and images. Included are materials associated with various military operations in the Gulf (1990-present).	maps: <a href="http://www.defenselink.mil/">http://www.defenselink.mil/</a> images: <a href="http://www.defenselink.mil/multimedia/">http://www.defenselink.mil/multimedia/</a>
Geological Maps on the Web	Site for publication of new digital geological maps and their associated database files.	<a href="http://geomaps.geo.ukans.edu/">http://geomaps.geo.ukans.edu/</a>
This Dynamic Planet	Document in PDF format showing the Earth's physiographic features, the current movements of its major tectonic plates, and the locations of its volcanoes, earthquakes, and impact craters.	<a href="http://pubs.usgs.gov/pdf/planet.html">http://pubs.usgs.gov/pdf/planet.html</a>
National Atlas of the United States of America	Design and explore interactive multimedia maps of the country's natural and socio-cultural landscapes. From the U.S. Geological Survey and its partners.	<a href="http://www-atlas.usgs.gov/">http://www-atlas.usgs.gov/</a>
U.S. Department of the Interior -- U.S. Geological Survey		<a href="http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/03.2005.2.html">http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/03.2005.2.html</a>
U.S. Department of Agriculture Wheat Crop Map	This map shows wheat crop in the U.S.	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/nass/aggraphs/awacm.htm">http://www.usda.gov/nass/aggraphs/awacm.htm</a>
USDA Corn Crop Map	This site shows corn crops around the U.S.	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/nass/aggraphs/cornacm.htm">http://www.usda.gov/nass/aggraphs/cornacm.htm</a>
USDA Cotton Crop Map	This site shows cotton crop around the U.S.	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/nass/aggraphs/cotnacm.htm">http://www.usda.gov/nass/aggraphs/cotnacm.htm</a>
Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS)	A wonderful selection of maps for Eastern European countries.	<a href="http://www.feeffhs.org/maps/indexmap.html">http://www.feeffhs.org/maps/indexmap.html</a>
Outline Maps: United States	These maps may be printed and copied for personal or classroom use.	<a href="http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/usa.html">http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/usa.html</a>
World Sites Atlas	Using geography to explore the world - and the web. Maps, hotels, travel information, photos, links.	<a href="http://www.sitesatlas.com/">http://www.sitesatlas.com/</a>
Gazetteer of British place names	A gazetteer of Great Britain.	<a href="http://www.gazetteer.co.uk">http://www.gazetteer.co.uk</a>
Rainfall Map	Shows national weekly rain fall averages.	<a href="http://beta.weather.com/maps/activity/garden/index_large.html">http://beta.weather.com/maps/activity/garden/index_large.html</a>
Weather Map	Shows current national weather.	<a href="http://beta.weather.com/maps/geography/usnationalcurrent/index_large.html">http://beta.weather.com/maps/geography/usnationalcurrent/index_large.html</a>
Weather Map	Resource map to show U.S. Weather.	<a href="http://weather.yahoo.com/img/actheat_440x297.html">http://weather.yahoo.com/img/actheat_440x297.html</a>

In addition, online searching on terms such as "genealogy" through any of the major World Wide Web search engines (including [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), [www.excite.com](http://www.excite.com), and [www.infoseek.com](http://www.infoseek.com))--or online bookstores--can direct you to web sites and other resources that can help.

## O B I T U A R Y

### MABELLE COLLUM LITTLE

We have lost a fellow Questing Heirs genealogist this month. Mabelle Elnora Collum Little, who was born in Oklahoma on January 26, 1921, died of multiple myeloma on March 5, 2005, in her daughter's home in Simi Valley, California. At various times, she served our society as Newsletter Editor (for several years), was Ways and Means Chair, a Member-at-Large on the Board, and a coordinator for our Everton Seminar some years ago.

The only child of Elnora Cumbie and Carroll Collum, she spent her early years in the southern states of America. That fact was evident in her congeniality and her soft-spoken demeanor. It was a point of delight to her to belong to the United Daughters of the Confederacy!

Intellectual curiosity was her trademark, and she sought out unusual items, places to visit, things to learn. Mabelle had an insatiable interest in topics of every scope, an eclectic collection of books, all of

which she had read, much of which she remembered. Her vast knowledge was invaluable to those of us who were fortunate enough to know her. I never knew what she would suggest we do, see, or visit!



Mabelle Collum Little 1921-2005

Mabelle belonged to Questing Heirs Genealogical Society and Conejo Valley Genealogical Society. She enjoyed her trips to search out family roots, but genealogy was only one of many of Mabelle's interests.

At this last stage of her life, she was fully engaged in her church, in her wisdom group, a

couple of book clubs, and The Red Hat Society. Living in her daughter's home, a hub of family gathering, enabled Mabelle to have a dynamic rapport with other of her family's generations, and her presence favorably impressed everyone.

There is a void where Mabelle used to be, but I'm sure she's scooting around, searching out and questioning all those relatives who predeceased her. Solving a puzzle was to Mabelle as waving a red flag is to *El Toro*! She's putting it all together, I'm sure. But I miss her.

Fondly,  
Barbara Revo Brown

*Editor's note: A Legacy.com guestbook has been created for Mabelle Little. Please take a few minutes and sign it so her family will know how much she meant to Questing Heirs. The guestbook can be found at <http://www.legacy.com/LBpresstelegram/Guestbook.asp?Page=Guestbook&PersonID=3299181>.*

## E V E N T S

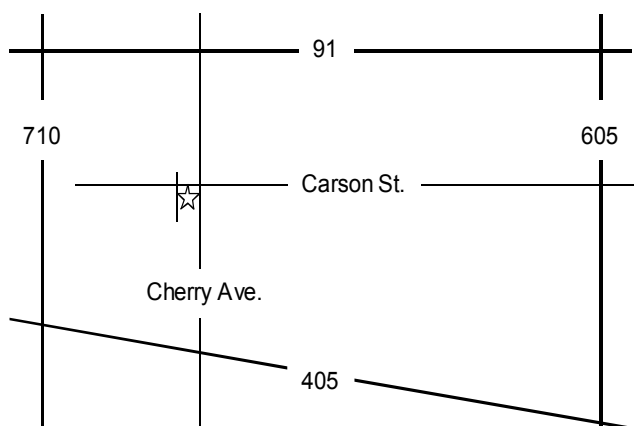
### BIFHS-USA PRESENTS A COLONIAL SCOTCH-IRISH & GERMAN ADVENTURE TRIP

The British Isles Family History Society-USA is putting on a research dream trip from May 20 to June 1, 2005. The trip will be led by Nancy Bier, Nancy Carlberg, and Linda Jonas, director of the McLean [Virginia] Family History Center and past president of the BIFHS-USA. If you have Colonial German,

Scotch-Irish, and even English ancestors who traveled along the Great Wagon Road, it will be the opportunity of a lifetime. For more information, including a full itinerary, contact Nancy Bier at (310) 375-6149, Nancy Carlberg at (714) 772-2849, or visit the BIFHS-USA web page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/>.

## CALENDAR

- ◆ Saturday, April 9, 10:30am–4:00pm. Southern California Genealogical Society monthly meeting, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank.
- ◆ Saturday, April 16, 9am–4pm. North San Diego County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar. Carlsbad Senior Center, Carlsbad. Speaker: Lloyd Bockstruck.
- ◆ Saturday, April 16, 12:00pm. Whittier Area Genealogical Society monthly meeting, Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.
- ◆ Sunday, April 17, 1:15pm. 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 26.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 20, 7:00pm. Genealogical Society of North Orange County, California monthly meeting. Yorba Linda Community Center. Beth Wilson will be speaking on Land Records.
- ◆ Saturday, April 23. Orange Family History Center Seminar. Several speakers, including Questing Heirs members John McCoy and Liz Myers. See pages 27 and 28 for more information.
- ◆ Sunday, April 24, 1:00–3:00pm. British Isles Family History Society – USA. Los Angeles FHC\*. Speaker: Annie Lloyd. Topic: National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United Kingdom. The English Study Group will meet from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Janet Thomas will be presenting the first part of a four-part series in basic English & Welsh research.
- ◆ Saturday, May 7, 9:00am–1:30pm. Orange County California Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach. Several classes, interest groups, and presentations.
- ◆ Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May 14. Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree & Resource Expo. Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel & Convention Center. For more information, phone (818) 843-7247, e-mail Leo Myers at <ltmyers@earthlink.net>, or visit <<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com>>. Please see page 27 for more information.
- ◆ Friday, May 20—Wednesday, June 1. BIFHS-USA Colonial Scotch-Irish and German research trip to Virginia and Pennsylvania with Nancy Bier, Nancy Carlberg, and Linda Jonas. See page 31 for more information.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 20, 7:00pm. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance.



\*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 FHC are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. The LA FHC 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.lafhc.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.