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It's Family History Month!

Topics at Our October 19 Meeting Will Be “Adoption” and “Blogging Your Family’s History”



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MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month at

1:00 p.m.

at Resurrection Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 1900 East Carson St., in Long Beach, California. (map on page 80)

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

Individual: \$25.00

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Adoption and Blogging: Finding Birth Parents and Discovering Heritage

MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 19, 2014

Starting at 1:00 p.m., Yvette Porter-Moore will teach us how best to approach genealogy for adoptees. Yvette is based in San Diego, and she is a specialist in California birth/adoption research.



You may feel that this talk doesn't pertain to you, but **all of us have adoptees in our genealogies**. We know about some of them—especially the ones who were adopted legally—but others remain hidden until DNA tests reveal an NPE (Non-Paternal Event) along the line of descent. After our break, Yvette will speak about putting family history online, not on Ancestry.com, but by blogging the story of various ancestors. Check out Yvette's blog, "Root Digger Genealogy," at <http://yvetteporter-moore.com/> to see how she has illustrated her own personal history.

BEGINNER'S CLASS

OCTOBER 19, 2014

Starting at 4:00 p.m., Cynthia Day-Elliott will teach us how to use "Genealogical Tools" to make our research more effective.

COMING NEXT MONTH

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

Hal Horrocks, will present his lecture, "Colonial Records: Where to Find Them." Hal's talk will be followed by our **Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**.

FAMILYSEARCH CENTERS

LOCAL BRANCHES

FamilySearch Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are open and free of charge to members of the general public interested in doing genealogical research. Information about the **Los Angeles FSC** is available at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Los_Angeles_FamilySearch_Library. Local FSCs are in **Long Beach** at 3701 Elm Avenue in Bixby Knolls, phone (562) 988-0509; **Los Alamitos**, phone (714) 821-6914; and **Cerritos**, phone (562) 924-3676. Call the local centers before you visit, as their hours may change from time to time.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RALPHS SIGN-UP

Did you know you can help Questing Heirs when you buy your groceries at Ralphs? This is because Ralphs returns a tiny percentage of the money you spend at their stores to Questing Heirs. So far this year QHGS has earned \$135.74 from Ralphs, and we could earn even more if **every member** would sign up using the barcode sheet you received with your renewal notice. Even if you shop at Ralphs only in emergencies, if you sign up, your emergency visit can help Questing Heirs. Please take the sign-up sheet with you the next time you shop and enroll. It's quick and simple to do, and you'll be helping QHGS every time you buy groceries.

—Terry Hamilton

QHGS OFFICERS 2015–2016

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee will present its slate of nominees for the 2015-2016 QHGS Board at our October meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor, with the nominee's prior consent. Please contact Jeanette Jones at (562) 430-4919 or Terry Hamilton at (562) 596-9382 if you are willing to serve on the QHGS Board or on one of our committees. New people with new ideas are always welcome—we need **you!**

QHGS FUND-RAISER AT PAPALUCCI'S

EAT ITALIAN

Questing Heirs is having another fund-raiser at Paplucci's Italian Ristorante! Join us on Tuesday, October 28, and help your Society simply by eating a delicious Italian dinner. What could be easier?



Turn this fund-raiser into a FUN-raiser by bringing friends and family along with you between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., and enjoy an evening out in Belmont Shore.

DUES ARE DUE

PLEASE RENEW

Only members receive the newsletter which has notices about seminars, genealogical happenings in Southern California, techniques for research success, and the latest genealogical DNA news every month. Renew today!

FINANCE REPORT

Chris Elia

August Income

\$1,460.44

August Expenses

\$272.28

F & M Bank Balance

\$6,985.03

Nielsen Bequest

\$2,849.06

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our
October
Hosts

will be

**Kathy AKAU,
Richard TROTTER
and
Barbara
VANGSNESS**

Many thanks

to our

September Hosts

Terry Hamilton,

Robert Negrete

and

Shirley Siems Terry

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Members attending

September's

meeting: 41

**A Warm Welcome to
New Members:**

Richard C. Johnson

Mary Poissant

Iris Schutz

Internet News and A Living History Event

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Hunting for Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals,” presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG on **Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Henry Steren was a German immigrant who lived in Quincy, Illinois. The United States records that were created about him indicate only that he was from the Province of Hanover in Germany. This lecture will detail how his town of origin and parents were identified, in spite of the lack of records naming him. Carefully researching each of his associates and correlating all available evidence reveals the origins of Henry. Use of the Genealogical Proof Standard is demonstrated. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4324661061042799105>.

Legacy Family Tree:

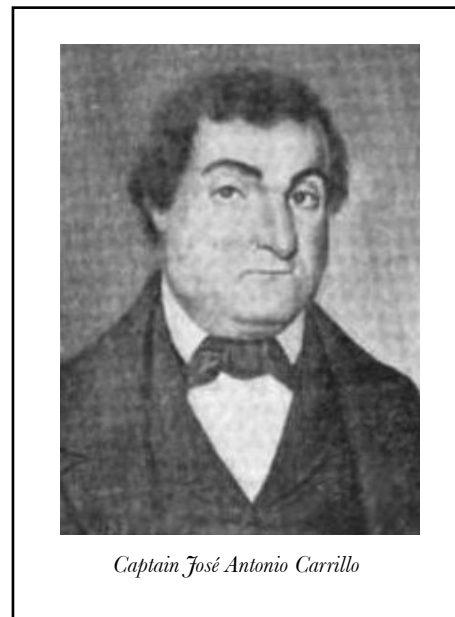
Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between October 1 and October 22**: “The Fair Court: Records of Chancery Courts,” “Overcoming Destroyed or Missing Records,” “Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor,” and “Tracking Migration Using the Draper Manuscripts.”

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented on October 4 and 15**: “Where have They Gone? Researching Ancestors Who Chased Gold,” by Hannah Z. Allan, and “Post It Forward: Archiving Lessons,” by Janet Hvorka.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“Pre-1850 Tic Marks,” presented by Peggy Lauritzen on **Tuesday, October 21, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Those pesky tic marks seem to get in our way as we work to extend our pedigrees. Just what do they mean, and how can they help me? Register: <http://tinyurl.com/mv5u3xp> ID:108-106-395.

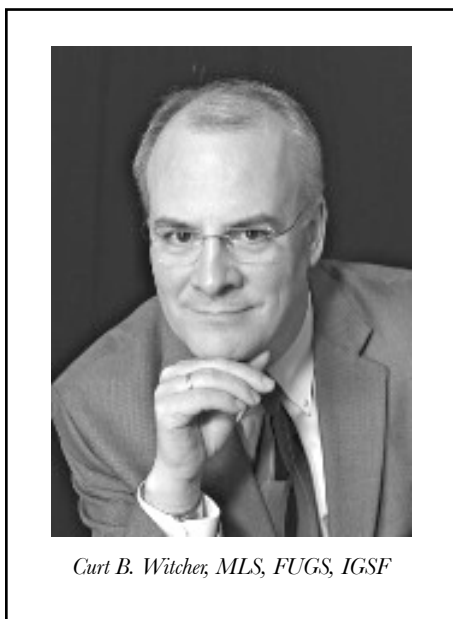


Captain José Antonio Carrillo

1846 BATTLE OF DOMINGUEZ HILL

Did one of your ancestors fight in the Mexican-American War? Attend this event! On **Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at 18127 Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, the **Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum** will present its annual reenactment of the 1846 Battle of Dominguez Hill—also known as the “Battle of the Old Woman’s Gun.” **Admission is free**, but donations are greatly appreciated and go to support the museum’s programming. For more information: <http://dominguezrancho.org/battle-reenactment-2/>. If it were not for an elderly woman named Igania Reyes and the cleverness of Captain Jose Antonio Carrillo, the Mexican-American War Dominguez Hill Battle would have been lost. Carrillo and his 50 troops were able to trick 200 U.S. military troops into believing that they were outnumbered with strategic use of horses, lances, and one cannon. That one cannon had been hidden by Reyes behind her house just before U.S. troops seized Los Angeles in 1846. Having the cannon was such a large part of the victory that the battle was nicknamed “The Battle of the Old Woman’s Gun” in Reyes’s honor.

Genealogy Events in Southern California



VCGS FALL SEMINAR

Ventura County Genealogical Society presents its 2014 **Annual Fall Seminar** on **Saturday, October 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Camarillo Public Library, 4101 E. Las Posas Rd, in Camarillo. **Featured presenter Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGS, IGSE, Senior Manager, Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center** will deliver four lectures. Seminar registration is \$50 and a box lunch is available for \$12 advance purchase. For more information, visit the VCGS website at <http://venturacogensoc.org>.

L. A. JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

“From Family History to History: Bridging the Gap Using Genealogy,” by David Laskin, **Sunday, October 5, 2:00 p.m.**, at the Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. David Laskin will discuss how he researched and wrote his new book, *The Family*, and how he used family stories to embody the major currents of 20th century Jewish history. More information at <http://davidlaskin.com/>.

LOCAL AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

Orange County California Genealogical Society: “Research Your Family History in Digitized Books” and “Finding Images to Tell the Story of Your Ancestor” by Gena Philibert Ortega, **Saturday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

Corona Genealogical Society: “The War of 1812,” presented by Linda Serna, **Monday, October 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

Family History Month Special Presentation: “Exploring FamilySearch.org,” by Jamie Mayhew, **Wednesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Fullerton Public Library and Conference Center, 353 West Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton (parking on Amerige).

Genealogical Society of North Orange County: “Seven Rules for Successful Online Searching” by Barbara Renick, **Wednesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.** at the Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. at Imperial, Yorba Linda.

San Fernando Valley Genealogical Society: “Find A Grave for the Family Historian,” by Dick Humphrey, **Friday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.**, at the Hal Bernson Room, Chatsworth Train Station, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd., Chatsworth.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society: “German Research,” by John Schmal, **Saturday October 18, 10:30 a.m.**, at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

Southern California Genealogical Society: “Réunion d’Automne,” with the French-Canadian Heritage Society, **Sunday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, at the Southern California Genealogical Society & Research Library, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank. **QHGS member Susan Roberge will be giving a presentation about her French-Canadian ancestors.** For more information, call (818) 843-7247 or visit <http://fchsc.org/> online.

LINKS
TO
LEARNING

Click on a subject below to access its list of videos and classes:

[Birth, marriage, and death\(85\)](#)

[Business records and occupations\(11\)](#)

[Census, taxation, and voter lists\(40\)](#)

[Church history\(8\)](#)

[Court, land, and wills \(25\)](#)

[Ethnic, political, or religious groups\(20\)](#)

[Family trees\(52\)](#)

[FamilySearch\(66\)](#)

[Geographic aids\(10\)](#)

[Histories, memories, and stories\(49\)](#)

[Institutions\(6\)](#)

[Instruction and methodology\(119\)](#)

[Migration and citizenship\(35\)](#)

[Military\(30\)](#)

[Newspapers and periodicals\(8\)](#)

[Other\(153\)](#)

[Reference materials and finding aids\(66\)](#)

[Repositories\(15\)](#)

[Town records\(5\)](#)

The FamilySearch Learning Center

Go to <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html> and you will find hundreds of **free** video tutorials, slide show presentations and audio classes. A few tutorial examples are listed below, and links to general subjects are in the side bar.

Pennsylvania:

Begin with

[Pennsylvania Research: Vital and Church Records](#);

then continue your research by looking at land records:

[Pennsylvania Research: Land Records: Field of Dreams](#);

and finish your tutorials with the last lesson:

[Pennsylvania Research: County Court and Probate Records](#). You will find that due to the lack of vital records and the difficulty of locating church records in Pennsylvania, court and probate documents are valuable tools.

Newspapers:

[Using the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's Newspaper Collection to Assist with African American Research](#)

Learn how to use newspaper records that are available in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library to assist you with your African American research.

[The London Gazette: Not Just the Brave and the Bankrupt](#)

Family History specialist Audrey Collins discusses how researchers can get the most out of the *London Gazette*, Britain's oldest continually-published newspaper. This treasure trove for family and local historians can reveal details of gallantry awards,

notices of bankruptcy, changes of name and much more.

Occupations:

[Sources for Tracing Agricultural Labourers](#)

Researching laborers can be very interesting, and much information can be found if you know where

to look. This talk covers resources available in The National Archives, parish and county records, and manor, estate and farm records.

Handwriting:

[Reading English Handwritten](#)

[Records Lesson 1: English Secretary Hand](#)

[Letters](#). Learn about the letters of the "Secretary Hand," a style of handwriting found in many English and colonial records created during the 1500s and 1600s.

[Reading English Handwritten Records Lesson 2: Dates and](#)

[Latin Words](#). Explore abbreviations, different ways that dates were recorded, and Latin words that are commonly found in English and colonial records.

[Reading English Handwritten Records Lesson 3: Reading](#)

[Secretary Hand Documents](#). Study English genealogical records, including parish registers, bishop's transcripts, probate records, and court records.

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Other Countries and U.S.:

[Argentina\(1\)](#), [Brazil\(3\)](#), [Czech Republic\(11\)](#), [Denmark\(2\)](#), [England\(25\)](#), [France\(9\)](#), [Germany\(16\)](#), [Ireland\(8\)](#), [Italy\(7\)](#), [Netherlands\(4\)](#), [Poland\(8\)](#), [Russia\(3\)](#), [Scotland\(4\)](#), [Spain\(6\)](#), [Spain, Latin America, Mexico\(19\)](#), [Sweden\(8\)](#), [United Kingdom\(63\)](#), and [United States\(94\)](#).



Southern California Resources Online

LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY Digital Archives

<http://encore.lbpl.org/iii/cpro/app>

Discover Long Beach City directories, high school yearbooks, and photographs from Long Beach history. Currently you can browse over 4,000 digital images, with more added each week. Search by keyword, share, save, and print our online images, but please credit Long Beach Public Library. Higher resolution images are available for purchase from the the library.



TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY Digital Archives

<http://www.torranceca.gov/libraryarchive/>

The Torrance Public Library has made available on its website a collection of resources related to the city's history. Historic Newspaper Archive: The newspaper database covers the period from 1913 through 1969. The database includes the following newspapers: *The Torrance Press*, originally *The Peninsula Press* (1949–1964), and *The Torrance Herald* (1914–1969). Click on the link in the search results to open a full-page image of the original newspaper in PDF format. Historic City and Phone Directories: The Torrance and South Bay area city/phone directory databases cover various years between 1922 and 1975. Click on the link in the search results to open a full-page image of the original directory in a PDF format.

WHITTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY Digital Archives

<http://digi.whittierlibrary.org/wpl/index.html>

The Whittier Newspaper Collection contains digitized issues of various Whittier newspapers dating back to February 23, 1888: the *Whittier Daily News*, the *Whittier Register*, and the *Whittier News*. The Whittier Photograph Collection includes digitized images documenting the foundation of the community of Whittier, during the periods of the late 1800s to the middle of the 20th century.

CALIFORNIA DIGITAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

<http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc>

The California Digital Newspaper Collection is a project of the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research (CBSR) at the University of California, Riverside. This collection contains 72,729 issues comprising 603,681 pages and 6,876,356 articles. It is a freely accessible repository of digitized California newspapers from 1846 to the present. You may search by newspaper title, by date or by subject. At present there are 53 newspapers featured. This site is especially good for researching the San Francisco Bay area pre- and post-earthquake. It also has an excellent collection of papers from Sacramento which often reference San Francisco events.

CALIFORNIA RESEARCH ONLINE

CALIFORNIA ONLINE HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS

[https://
sites.google.com/site/
onlinenewspapersite/
Home/usa/ca](https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/usa/ca)

An alphabetical list of free and pay sites offering digitized California newspapers with links to each site.

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL DIRECTORIES ONLINE

[https://
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Home/usa/ca](https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectoriesite/Home/usa/ca)

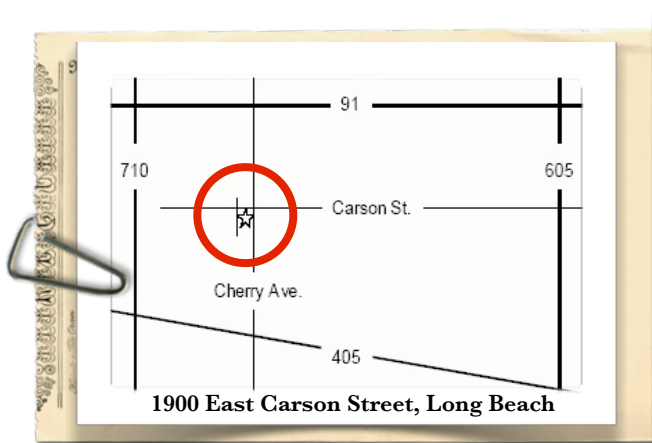
An alphabetical list *by county* of free and pay sites offering digitized California directories with links to each site.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISTORICAL DIRECTORIES ONLINE

[https://
sites.google.com/site/
onlinedirectoriesite/
Home/usa/ca/
losangeles](https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectoriesite/Home/usa/ca/losangeles)

An alphabetical list of free and pay sites offering digitized County directories with links to each site.

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Los Angeles Archives Bazaar



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Saturday, October 25, 2014
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Doheny Memorial Library
USC University Park Campus
Press release from LA as Subject Website

History comes alive as dozens of So Cal rare and archival materials come together at the LA Archives Bazaar. Experience the diversity of stories that make Southern California diverse and alive.

The daylong event is hosted by the USC Libraries and presented by L.A. as Subject, a research alliance of libraries, museums, archives, and other cultural institutions dedicated to preserving the region's rich history. Anyone with an interest in the region's history will find something of value. More than 70 institutions and archives will have experts on hand to show off their collections and answer questions: the Autry National Center of the American West, L A Public Libraries, and private collectors.

The bazaar will feature an archives roadshow, where anyone can bring historic photos or documents from home they want scanned; panels featuring specialists discussing the monsters that lurk throughout Southern California and L.A.'s "magical" year of 1939; and a screening of *Monomaniacs*, a documentary sponsored by Cal Humanities and airing on KCET about the motives and passions of collectors.

Serious researchers, history buffs, and California enthusiasts will be able to experience a number of Southern California exhibits, documentary film screenings, educational sessions, and other public programming. A distinguishing feature of the bazaar is that unique, private collections are represented alongside materials from large institutions, helping to tell a more complete story of Los Angeles history that includes less-visible archives. For more info: http://www.laassubject.org/index.php/archives_bazaar.