

Topics at QHGS Meeting on March 15:
“Women in World War One”
and “Finding Female Ancestors in Newspapers”



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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 24)**

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“Women in World War One” “Finding Female Ancestors in Newspapers”

MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 15, 2015

Starting at 1:00 p.m., well-known genealogical speaker **Gena Philibert-Ortega** will present a lecture about **women who served in WWI**. We are all familiar with the opportunities



afforded our male ancestors during the “Great War.” Now it’s time to learn how our female ancestors helped win WWI by enlisting in the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Marine Corps (two women were permitted in the Coast Guard!). After our break, **at 2:30 p.m.**, Gena will return for a second presentation which will show us **how to find female ancestors using newspaper articles**. In spite of name changes due to marriage, divorce and remarriage, those ladies CAN be found, and Gena will share her strategies for digging through newsprint to discover hidden gems about the odd-numbered entries on our pedigree charts.

ABOUT OUR FEATURED SPEAKER

GENA PHILIBERT-ORTEGA

Gena Philibert-Ortega holds a Master’s degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master’s degree in Religion. She has spoken to groups throughout the United States and virtually to audiences worldwide. Gena is the author of hundreds of articles published in genealogy newsletters and magazines including “Internet Genealogy,” “Family Chronicle,” “GenWeekly” and the World Vital Records newsletter. Gena serves as Vice-President for the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, is a Director for the California State Genealogical Alliance and a board member of the Utah Genealogical Association. Her current research interests include social history, community cookbooks, signature quilts and researching women’s lives. Learn more about this busy woman at her website <http://www.yourfamilyhistoryresearch.com/>.

PROGRAMS NEXT MONTH

Our presentations on April 19 will be **“German Research and the Immigrant Genealogical Society Library”** given by Gordon Seyffert at 1:00 p.m. and **“Swedes and Other Scandinavians Come To and Through the United States”** given by Eric Siess, Ph.D., CG, at 2:30 p.m.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Jamboree in Burbank and special seminars at other societies all over Southern California are great experiences, but some of us are on a budget and we don't like to drive very far. The best all-around FREE genealogy event, with excellent teachers and subjects suitable for beginners and beginning-intermediate genealogists alike, is the annual Orange County Family History Fair at the FHL in Orange, just a short drive from Long Beach on the 22. There are a lot of classes to choose from, too—40 in all! This year the OCFHF will be on Saturday, April 18. I went last year and really enjoyed it. See you there!
—Terry Hamilton

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KINDLE BOOK

To share interesting viewpoints and tips collected over the years, LAWGS has published a selection of "Meeting in Review" columns in a collected work called *Expert Tips for the Genealogist: Genealogical Lecture Notes*. Written by Tom Lane and Joan Flintoff LoPear, the book is available as a download on amazon.com. Buy it using the QHGS link http://www.amazon.com/?ie=UTF8&*Version*=1&*entries*=0&link_code=hom&tag=quesheir-20 and help QHGS raise money!

OUR MEMBERS RECOMMEND

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Interested in **hand-colored photos** from the 1800s? QHGS member Shirley Siems Terry recommends: http://www.liveleak.com/ll_embed?f=d6d9d5385aee.



Enjoy looking at pictures and places compared in a "**then and now**" format? Glenn Haas suggests that you watch this video and see how buildings have changed over the years in Long Beach: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynq2WQsqNk4>. The Early California Population Project (ECPP) provides **free access to all the information contained in California's historic mission registers**, records that are of unique and vital importance to the study of California, the American Southwest, and colonial America. Penny says, "Start researching now at <http://www.huntington.org/Information/ECPPmain.htm>."

FINANCE REPORT Chris Elia

January Income
\$139.12
January Expenses
\$336.48
F & M Bank Balance
\$7,942.22,
of which \$2,749.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

**Our
March
Hosts**
will be

**Kathy AKAU
Sandy MCDONALD
Susan ROBERGE
and
Sue TISDALL**

Many thanks
to our February hosts
Red Collins,
Terry Hamilton,
Penny Nugent,
and Connie Williams.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Members
attending
February's
meeting: 38

Guests
attending
February's
meeting: 15

Webinars, News on the 'Net and Local Events

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

"Finding Your Femme Fatales," presented by Lisa Alzo, on **Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Male ancestors weren't the only ones who had secrets, or got caught behaving badly. Whether we like it or not, the black sheep of our family may have been the women, and they leave fabulous records! Through sample case studies, this session will show how to use court, census, newspaper, and other key records, and study social history to discover law breakers, vigilantes, and other scandalous female ancestors. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/792741648604580353>.

Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between March 4 and March 25**: "Using a Professional," "Serendipity," "Ancestor Profiles," "Irish Genealogy," and "Indirect Evidence."

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 March 7 and 18**: "Finding English Ancestors," by J. H. Fonkert, and "Research in Newspapers," by Lisa Louise Cooke.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

"The New and Improved Wisconsin Historical Society Website," presented by Lori Bessler on **Tuesday, March 17, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. WisconsinHistory.org has changed tremendously in the last 11 months. Attend this webinar and Lori Bessler, Reference Librarian, will show you how to use the site and what the site can do for your research. You will also find out about many enhancements that have been added to the site. Some search strategies have returned to the site that had been removed previously. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6144573816053690114>.

CIVIL WAR LECTURE

On **Saturday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m.** Dr. David Miller will present, "**A thralldom grievous and intolerable: Slavery, the American Civil War, and the Legacy of Race.**" Dr. Miller is a lecturer in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of San Diego. His research focuses primarily on the social and cultural history of the United States in the 19th century, and he teaches about the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the history of race and ethnicity. Lectures begin at 10 a.m. and last 90 minutes, including time for audience questions. **Admission is \$7**, (\$5 for students with I.D.), and is payable at the door. Seating is limited; so **advance registration is encouraged**. To register and get more information, please call 562-206-2040.

—Rancho Los Cerritos press release, January 7, 2015

LOUISIANA RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE

Records from the Archdiocese of Louisiana and the Floridas between 1576-1803 are now online. This database contains two entries for each record: 1.) an image of the original handwritten record in French and 2.) an image of the accompanying 3-inch by 5-inch index card which was created some years ago. In addition to the images of original records, lengthy and detailed histories and explanations of the records are also available. For more information or to view the records themselves, go to <http://archives.nd.edu/mano> and begin your search! —from *Eastman's Online Newsletter*, January 22, 2015.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Southampton County, Virginia, early court records from 1749 to early 1880s, are now free online. Volunteers have digitized and indexed some 57,000 pages involving approximately one million names. They are available at http://www.brantleyassociation.com/southampton_project/southampton_project_list.htm. —from *Eastman's Online Newsletter*, January 29, 2015.

Genealogy Seminars and Local Societies

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

Discover Your Roots XIII, the 13th Annual African American Family History Conference, will be happening on **Saturday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Historic Los Angeles Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1209 South Manhattan Place, Los Angeles. Experts will host presentations and conduct specialized classes focusing on a diverse range of African American genealogy subjects. Former QHGS member Aaron Day will be speaking, and volunteers will be on hand to help you get started or dive deeper into your family tree. **Register by midnight on February 20, 2015, and pay only \$30 (fees included).** Price after February 20 is \$40. Box lunch is provided with your registration, but breakfast and hot drinks will not be served. For more information go to <http://discoveryourroots.org/event-info/>.

CVGS ANUAL SEMINAR

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society will present their **Annual Seminar** on **Saturday, March 21**. The featured speaker will be **Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL**, presenting “Finding ‘Unfindable’ Ancestors,” “Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online?” “Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor’s European Origin,” and “Organizing Evidence to Overcome Record Shortages.” See Tom before he speaks at Jamboree! Registration flyers will be available on the entryway table at our meeting.

NSDCGS SPRING SEMINAR

North San Diego County Genealogical Society will present their **Spring Seminar** on **Saturday, March 21**. The featured speaker will be “The Legal Genealogist,” **Judy Russell, J.D., CG, CGL**, presenting “The First Trip to the Court House,” “The Fair Court: Records of the Chancery Court,” “The Ties that Bond,” and “Dowered or Bound Out: Record of Widows and Orphans.” Registration materials will be available on the entryway table at our meeting.

LOCAL AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

Orange County California Genealogical Society:

Annual Book Faire—over 1200 books and periodicals to purchase at reduced prices on **Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

Immigrant Genealogical Society:

“Baden-Württemberg,” discussion group on **Sunday, March 8, 2:00 p.m.** at the Immigrant Genealogical Society Library, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles:

“**Da Doo Ron Ron: Jews in Rock ‘n’ Roll**,” by Nigel Grainge on **Monday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.** at the Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 North Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. Have you ever asked who made the first Rock & Roll record? Most people would say either Bill Haley or Elvis. Wrong! The first REAL Rock and Roll record was “Good Rockin’ Tonight” by Wynonie Harris on the King label which was owned by Sid Nathan and based in Cincinnati. “Da Doo Ron Ron” will discuss the Jewish influence on the 1950s and 60s rock n’ roll scene and on record labels.

Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society:

“Land Records: Basic Information in Deeds,” by Connie Moretti on **Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.** at the L. A. Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

South Bay Cities Genealogical Society:

Special webinar presentation by Lisa Alzo on **Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.** at the Meeting Room of the Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

San Fernando Valley Genealogical Society:

“Online DAR Resources,” by Connie Moretti on **Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.** at the Chatsworth Train Station, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd., Chatsworth.

French-Canadian Heritage Society:

“*Réunion de Printemps: Influences and Contributions by French-Canadians in New England and New York*,” on **Sunday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.** at the SCGS Library, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank.

New Book about Research in New York

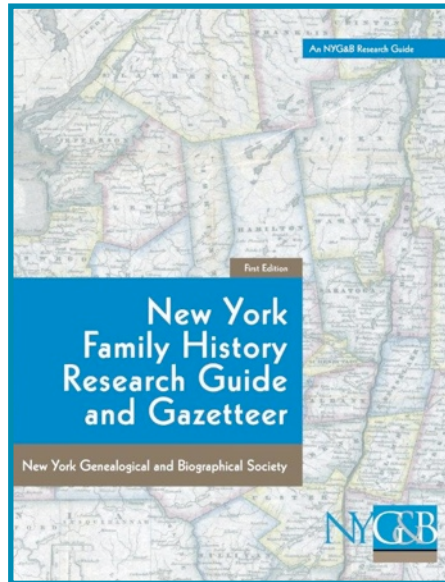
The following announcement was written by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society:

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society announced the publication of the *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, a comprehensive, first-ever, 856-page reference book. “The book is absolutely unprecedented in its breadth and depth, covering records in the State of New York for all the major ethnic and religious groups that have lived here. As a reference for family historians, it is simply indispensable,” said Jeanne Sloane, the Society’s chairman.

This ambitious volume has been three years in the making. The review committee comprised top experts on New York research, including four former editors of the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, the flagship journal for New York genealogy: Laura DeGrazia, CG, FGBS; Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS; Henry B. Hoff, CG, FASG, FGBS, current editor of the *New England Historic Genealogical Register*; and Harry Macy Jr., FASG, FGBS, the unofficial dean of New York genealogists, who served as the book’s consulting editor.

Early praise for the book has come from David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States; Ann Thornton, Andrew W. Mellon Director, The New York Public Library; and David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer, FamilySearch.

D. Joshua Taylor, Director of Family History at Findmypast, wrote, “This book is an absolute masterpiece. The words ‘essential’ and ‘comprehensive’ are simply not enough to describe it.” Henry Louis Gates Jr. wrote, “This volume is certain to become the standard for the nation and an indispensable resource for anyone hoping to trace ancestral journeys in—and beyond—the Empire State.”



More than 100 historians, archivists, librarians, and genealogists across the state reviewed and contributed content about local and regional resources and key topics in New York family history. The result is a book of more than 856 pages with:

- Chapters on major record groups and research resources, including the most up-to-date and comprehensive review of New York State’s extremely complicated vital records system
- Information on research resources for sixteen major

ethnic and twelve major religious groups that have lived in New York

- Gazetteers, maps, and research guides to each of New York’s 62 counties, including the five boroughs of New York City
- An index of over 11,000 place names and place-name variants past and present—the first published gazetteer of its kind since 1872
- More than 100 separate, categorized, special-topic bibliographies vetted by genealogists
- Timelines of key events in New York history from 1609 to 1945 that impact genealogical research

The book’s annotated table of contents is accessible on the Society’s website at NewYorkFamilyHistory.org.

The New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer may be purchased in the online store at NewYorkFamilyHistory.org, by calling (212) 755-8532, or by mailing a completed order form (from the website) with a check to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 36 West 44th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10036-8105. The book retails for \$85 and is available to NYG&B members for \$65 and to libraries and societies for \$75. ISBN 978-0-692-31998-7

—from *Eastman’s Online Newsletter*, February 2, 2015.

Genetic Genealogy and DNA News

Whittier Area Genealogical Society's "DNA Day" will be on Saturday, March 21. There will be morning and afternoon sessions with speaker **Cheri Mello** presenting **"DNA and Genealogy"** at 10:30 a.m. and **"Getting the Most Out of Your DNA Results"** at 1:00 p.m. WAGS invites everyone to attend these **free** DNA presentations. Cheri Mello has spoken on various genealogy and DNA topics all over southern California, as well as in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Utah; and she will share her knowledge with us. Cheri will



captivate you with her stories as she explains DNA in small, understandable steps, utilizing her teaching skills to make a complex subject easy to grasp.

In the morning session, beginning at 10:30 a.m., Cheri will use case studies to explain how DNA was used to break down a brick wall from the 1800s and confirm relationships in a family tree. She will also provide an overview of the 4 types of DNA testing used in genealogy: Y-DNA, mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), autosomal DNA (Family Finder), and X-match.

Back for the afternoon session at 1:00 p.m., Cheri will give a presentation about utilizing your DNA results—how to set up your DNA page, which matches to contact, and what the results mean.

Cheri holds a bachelor's degree in human and child development and a master's degree in education with an emphasis in mathematical pedagogy. She also earned National Board Certification, the highest credential in the educational world.

The genealogy bug was planted in Cheri with a 5th grade history project. Her maternal grandmother gave her some material for the project and later gave her additional information for a Girl Scout badge. Over the years, Cheri looked at the information

many times and wondered about her family and how she could learn more. In 2006, she became involved in DNA, and was recruited as the Project Co-administrator for the Azores DNA project. She runs five DNA projects and manages mailing lists involving Portuguese-Azorean genealogy.

WAGS meets on the third Saturday of every month. Classes, workshops, and meetings are held at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier. A brief business meeting

precedes the afternoon presentation. —written by Marilyn McCarty for *WAGS Family Tales* dated March 2015.

20 Do's and Don'ts of DNA:

Melvin J. Collier has published an article in his *Roots Revealed* genealogy blog that should be required reading for all genealogists interested in DNA. Rule #1 says, "Please do not take any DNA test without first trying to put together your family tree. DNA test-takers need to have started working on their family tree or pedigree chart before jumping to DNA. DNA alone will not magically generate your family tree for you." You can read that rule and 19 others at <http://rootsrevealed.blogspot.com/2015/01/20-dos-and-donts-of-dna.html>. —from *Eastman's Online Newsletter* dated January 11, 2015.

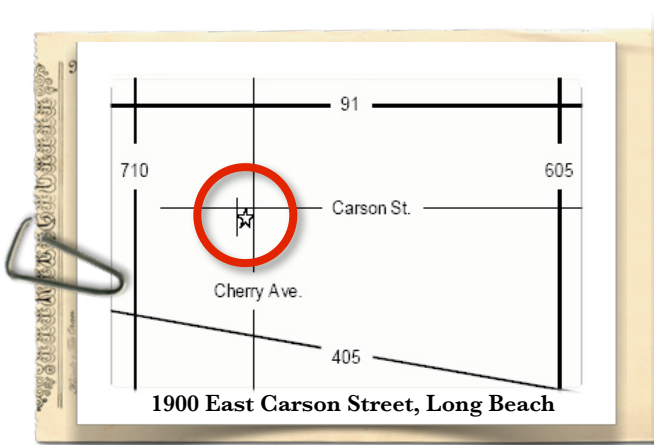
CeCe Moore will be at SOCCGS:

On April 18 CeCe Moore will present a DNA lecture at the South Orange County California Genealogical Society.

DNA DAY at SCGS Jamboree will be held on Thursday, June 4:

SCGS has put their DNA Day schedule of speakers online at <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/Jamboree/2015/schedule-DNA.html>. Take a look!

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