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## QHGS Meeting on August 16

### “Pre-1850 Census Records”

### “Researching New Netherland/Colonial New York”



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## OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month at **1:00 p.m.** at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 5950 E. Willow St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 64)**

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# “Pre-1850 Censuses” “New Netherland/Early NY Research”

## MEETING AGENDA

**AUGUST 16, 2015**

**Starting at 1:00 p.m.**, South Bay Cities Genealogical Society Past President **Lisa Schumacher** will present “Pre-1850 Censuses: Putting Names on the Tick Marks.” We will learn about census records from 1790-1840—those enigmatic enumerations that list no family members’ names, but do record the heads of households’ names—and Lisa will show us how to analyze information contained in these censuses that will help us discover families and prove relationships. After our snack break, **at 2:30 p.m.**, **Mary Van Orsdol** will present “Genealogical Research in New Netherland and Colonial New York.” She will begin with a brief timeline for New Netherland and will discuss family naming patterns. The bulk of her talk will be about various record groups which document the lives of the people of New Netherland. Even if you do not have New Netherland ancestors, Mary’s approach to researching this minority group in colonial and federal America will give you techniques for researching your own ancestors. After our meeting, **at 4:00 p.m.**, our **Beginner Class** will meet with instructor Cynthia Day-Elliott. The topic for this month is “Learning How to Use U. S. Federal Census Records.” Join the beginners and discover genealogical gems in the census.

## ABOUT OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS

### LISA SCHUMACHER

Lisa Schumacher’s interest in family history began twenty-five years ago with a focus on computer programs that can be used in genealogical research. Lisa is Past-President of the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society. She was a staff supervisor and instructor at the Los Angeles Family History Center for seven years. In 2012, Lisa partnered with Connie Moretti to present a Torrance Centennial version of “Who Do You Think You Are?” which traced three of Torrance’s founding families back in time. She lectures on various topics throughout the Los Angeles South Bay area and has spoken at SCGS Jamboree.

### MARY VAN ORSDOL

Mary Van Orsdol was Senior Librarian for Genealogy & Carlsbad History at Carlsbad City Library. She received her B.A. in history from the University of California, San Diego, and her M.A. in American history from the University of Minnesota. She received her M.L.S. from UCLA and worked as a librarian for over 30 years. Mary became head of the Genealogy Division at Carlsbad City Library in 1997, and she was named head of the Carlsbad History Collection in 2012. She retired in December of 2014. Mary researches her own family and has a strong background in New Netherland history and genealogy.

# Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### MEETING PLACE

The GSNOC Summer Seminar has come and gone, and I learned a lot from the talks that F. Warren Bittner gave. Three other QHGS members went with me; and while we were eating lunch we looked around the room where the seminar was held and wished our meeting place was as bright and big. The QHGS Board knows you'd like a bigger meeting place too; so we started looking again, and I'm happy to report that we have found a meeting place that will make everyone happy. It's big, it's bright, it's easy to get to, there's lots of parking, and—best for last—there's a wonderful kitchen right off the meeting room, just like we had before. We haven't signed a contract yet, and we'll still meet at United Methodist Church Chapel in August, but we will probably be able to begin meeting at the new facility in September. Moving three times in one year is a hassle, but QHGS has done it before (and I sure hope we **never** have to do it again!). We will keep you posted about our progress by email and newsletter notices; and once things are finalized you will get a map to the new place. In the meantime, the Board thanks you for putting up with all these changes. Your patience will be rewarded soon. Our August meeting will be filled with information about census records and the early colonists of New York, so come join us. I'll see you there!

—Terry Hamilton

## SALT LAKE CITY HERE I COME?

### RESEARCH TRIPS

Our Summer Survey indicated that quite a few QHGS members are interested in visiting the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. For those who want to go, **it's not too early to begin planning your 2016 trip.** Two nearby genealogical societies in Southern California offer specialized genealogy tours; and, for "first-time" researchers at the FHL, a group tour is definitely the way to go. The **Orange County California Genealogical Society** will be posting information about their **April 2016 Annual Research Trip to the FHL in Salt Lake City** on their website in October at [http://occgs.com/mtg\\_event/mtg\\_event.html#rt](http://occgs.com/mtg_event/mtg_event.html#rt). The **South Orange County California Genealogical Society** will be going to SLC for the second time on a group research trip **April 17-24, 2016**. Information about this research opportunity is available in pdf format at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/SLC%202016.pdf>. Check the SOCCGS website for updates by going to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/> and clicking on the "Information Regarding the 2016 Salt Lake City Trip" bar under the **Announcements** heading. Also, be sure to talk to QHGS members Richard Trotter and Susan Roberge. Ask them about their experiences in SLC with the Orange County California Genealogical Society group.

## FINANCE REPORT

Christine Elia

June Income  
\$35.97

June Expenses  
\$389.75

F & M Bank Balance  
\$6893.12,  
of which \$2,449.06  
is restricted to  
educational expenses

## REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

### August Hosts

will be

**Darlene  
FIELDS-HARRIS,  
Esther FRIEDMAN,  
Penny NUGENT and  
Carroll OHLINDER**

Many thanks to our  
July Hosts:

Terry HAMILTON,  
Shirley TERRY,  
Diana TRANSUE  
and  
Jane TRANSUE

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at July's  
meeting: 31

## A Warm Welcome to our Guests:

Gayle E. Appel  
Deva Kelly  
Suzanne Lenahan  
Connie T. Reed  
Phyllis Thornton  
Leanora Weber

## Online Learning Opportunities

### WEBINARS

#### Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“School Daze—Finding and Using School Records to Trace Our Ancestors,” presented by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG, on **Tuesday, August 11, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. We may be somewhat astounded to learn that our ancestors even attended school. Locating school records can be an amazing way of putting our families into place, especially when there may be no vital records available in an area. Register at <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/6372036382381853697>.

#### Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreeweinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between August 5 and August 26**: “What’s in a Name? Trouble!,” “Power Platting—Technology Tools to Create Pictures from Property Descriptions,” “Digital Family Reunions,” and “German Names and Naming Patterns.”

#### Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars which will be presented on **August 1 and 19**: “Remedies for Copy-and-Paste Genealogy,” by Cyndi Ingle and “Find Your American Ancestor Using Canadian Records,” by Kathryn Lake Hogan UE, PLCGS.

#### Minnesota Genealogical Society:

“A Guided Tour to Cyndi’s List,” by Cyndi Ingle, on **Wednesday, August 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. PDT**. This session begins with a brief history of Cyndi’s List, followed by an overview of how to navigate the site and how to tell when the site is updated. To register, go to <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4774454783919672321>. If you’re new to webinars, check out this link: <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/how-it-works.html>. Download the GoToWebinar Attendee Guide at [http://www.mngs.org/upload/events/files/1417476902\\_GoToWebinarUserGuide.pdf](http://www.mngs.org/upload/events/files/1417476902_GoToWebinarUserGuide.pdf).

### PODCASTS AND WEB RADIO

“**The Genealogy Guys Podcast**” with George G. Morgan and Drew Smith is the longest-running, regularly-produced genealogy podcast in the world! Listen at <http://genealogyguys.com/>.

“**The Genealogy Gems Podcast with Lisa Louise Cooke**” recently celebrated 1.5 million downloads. The show is available on iTunes and also at <http://www.genealogygemspodcast.com/>.

**Library and Archives Canada** offers podcasts like “Digging Into the Past: Family History in Canada.” Connect with LAC via RSS or iTunes, or choose your show and listen at <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/podcasts/Pages/podcasts.aspx>.

**The Library of Congress** offers many podcasts. Listen to “Voices from the Days of Slavery: Stories, Songs and Memories” at <http://loc.gov/podcasts/slavenarratives/index.html>.

**The National Archives of the United Kingdom** offers podcasts (yes, there are some webinars listed, too) on the media portion of their site. “Tracing Railway Ancestors,” and “The Victorian Poor in their Own Words” are just two of the programs available at <http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/category/family-history/>.

“**African Roots**” producer Angela Y. Walton-Raji covers news of interest to African American genealogists, Civil War enthusiasts, and Native American researchers. Listen to her podcasts at <http://africanrootspodcast.com/>.

“**The Forget-Me-Not Hour**” on blogtalkradio is hosted by genealogist Jane E. Wilcox. It features interviews with genealogists and discussions about genealogical topics of interest. Past podcasts include “Mocavo,” “English Manorial Records for 17th Century American Immigrants,” with Peter Foden, and “New York Municipal Archives,” with Ken Cobb. Listen on demand at <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/janeewilcox>.

## Genealogy Events in Southern California

### "FOLD3" WORKSHOP

Do you need help navigating the Fold3 website? A **Fold3 Plus trainer** will be at the **Yorba Linda Public Library's Community Room** to teach a hands-on workshop on **Saturday, August 22, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Bring your laptop or use one of the Library's computers. There's no need to register—just show up at the library, located at 18181 Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda, and be prepared to learn! Questions? Contact Lynn at [lynnb@ylpl.lib.ca.us](mailto:lynnb@ylpl.lib.ca.us) or call 714-777-2873 ext 6.

### CARLSBAD LIBRARY CLOSURE

#### **Georgina Cole Library to Close for Renovations**

The Carlsbad City Council has approved an \$11 million modernization and renovation of its two main libraries to meet the changing needs of the community in today's digital age. Each library will be closed while work crews make improvements, but the jobs will be staggered so only one location will be closed at a time. Cole Library renovations will take place first and will include removing all of the books and materials housed there to other quarters. Work at the 48-year old library, the oldest of the city's three libraries, will focus on maximizing the existing space and adding technology infrastructure to meet the needs of a 21st century population. Work on Cole Library is expected to begin in the fall and be completed shortly after the New Year. The construction schedule will not be finalized until the General Contractor is on board, but the current plans are for Cole to close mid-September and re-open in early February. During this time, all related genealogy services and the genealogy collection that is housed at Cole Library will not be available. To keep informed of the updates of the Cole Genealogy Library closure, check the city website at <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=730&TargetID=61>.

—*Paths to the Past*, North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Volume 45, Number 6, June 2015

### LOCAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Orange County Genealogical Society:**

"My Adoption Search," presented by Jean Moss, and "What Do You Do When Your DNA Doesn't Match Your Paper Trail?," presented by Linda Serna, **Saturday, August 1, starting at 11:00 a.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

#### **Corona Genealogical Society:**

"What's in a Name? Trouble!," presented by Ron Arons, **Monday, August 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

#### **Historical Society of Long Beach:**

"Port Town: A Historical Exhibit," **Friday, August 7, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**, at the Historical Society of Long Beach, 4260 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach.

#### **Genealogical Society of North Orange County:**

"Managing the Genealogy Data Monster," by Thomas MacEntee webinar, **Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

#### **Whittier Area Genealogical Society:**

"Colonial Records—Where to Find Them," by Hal Horrocks, **Saturday, August 15, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

#### **LAPL Genealogy Garage Workshop:**

"Portable Scanners—A Demonstration," **Saturday, August 15, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Genealogy Dept.—LL4, at the Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles. For more information: <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/genealogy-garageportable-scanners-demonstration>.

#### **South Orange County Genealogical Society:**

"Eastern European Genealogy," by Michelle Sandler, **Saturday, August 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (Between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

## Be a QHGS Board Member for the 2016–2017 Term

The U.S. election cycle has begun on a national level, so why not throw your hat into the ring and give something back to your local Society? Agree to serve on the QHGS Board, and you'll learn about the world of QHGS from the inside! You may be thinking, "Oh, I could never do that," but guess what—every person on the board thought the same thing at some point, and then found out that yes, it *was* possible! You won't start "cold" because we will mentor you. Please consider one of the positions below, and say "yes" when Jeanette asks you to serve in September. **Thank you!**



**DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

### The Director-at-Large:

1. Represents the general membership of the Society and is responsible for bringing member concerns to the Board
2. Is responsible for the oversight of at least one committee and/or assists other officers
3. Performs other duties as assigned by the Board



**TREASURER**

### The Treasurer:

1. Is responsible for all funds received by the Society
2. Keeps accurate records of income and disbursements
3. Pays bills and purchases approved by the Board
4. Prepares and presents an annual budget
5. Makes accounts available for inspection annually



**SECRETARY**

### The Secretary:

1. Takes minutes at all Board meetings
2. Has custody of the charter and seal of the Society
3. Takes care of the Society's gmail account
4. Carries on all correspondence as necessary
5. Gets and distributes mail from the Society's post office box



**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

### The First Vice President:

1. Plans programs for the monthly meetings
2. Contacts and engages speakers
3. Coordinates any special events sponsored by the Society
4. Performs the duties of President in the President's absence

## Genetic Genealogy and DNA News: Privacy Rights

### SORENSEN MOLECULAR GENEALOGY FOUNDATION DNA DATABASE SHUT DOWN

The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF) was an early collector of DNA information to be used for genealogy purposes. It was founded by inventor and philanthropist James LeVoy Sorenson and Brigham Young University professor Dr. Scott Woodward. Mr. Sorenson envisioned the development of a genetic-genealogical blueprint of all humankind. Some years later, the database and supporting infrastructure was acquired by Ancestry.com and became the basis for what is now Ancestry DNA. It has since served the interests of thousands of genealogists as well as several other communities. Sadly, Ancestry has now announced the closure of this valuable service. The announcement at <http://www.smgf.org> states: *We regret to inform you the site you have accessed is no longer available....*

Making DNA information available for legitimate purposes is important for genealogy purposes, for medical research, for law enforcement, and for many other reasons as well. However, these reasons also raise many questions concerning privacy. There is nothing more private than the identifying information contained within our own bodies. Should that remain our own personal information and not be revealed to others? It is easy to say “I should have the option to decide whether or not to reveal my own DNA information,” but that simple answer does not address all the realities.

The DNA contained within our own bodies does not identify only ourselves. It also helps identify our ancestors, our descendants, and our cousins. It identifies not only first cousins, but also helps identify second cousins, third cousins, and on and on to very distant cousins. Do any of us have a legal or moral right to contribute some of their identifying information to the public? When you think about the

privacy rights of our distant relatives, even more questions arise.

The U.S. legal system is partially defined by the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. It states that all citizens have a legitimate expectation of privacy—his or her person, clothing, purse, luggage, vehicle, house, apartment, hotel room, and place of business, to name a few examples. What about his or her identifying information? Do any of us have a right to make public identifying information about our relatives? Do our distant cousins have rights to privacy also?



Technology has progressed far beyond what our founding fathers ever envisioned but their concepts of protection “against unreasonable searches and seizures” are as valid today as ever before.

I do not have the answers to these questions but I will suggest that smarter minds than mine need to work together to find the answers. In fact, all of us need to be aware of the issues and, together, we should be able to find the solutions. In the meantime, I will suggest that Ancestry DNA/Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation made the right decision when the managers wrote, “Unfortunately, it has come to our attention the site has been used for purposes other than that which it was intended, forcing us to cease operations of the site.” I know it must have been a difficult decision and I am confident their final decision is the best one possible under the circumstances.

I am also pleased the company also wrote, “There are no plans to destroy the DNA that was contributed....” Perhaps the contributed information can still be used in the future in a legal and moral manner after reasonable guidelines have been established.

—by Dick Eastman

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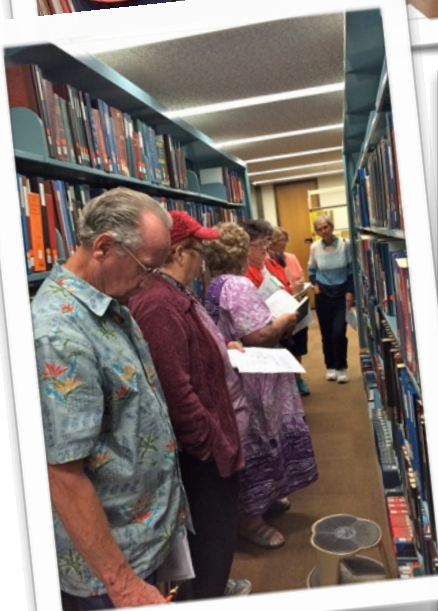
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# QHGS Field Trip to Huntington Beach Public Library



Questing Heirs Genealogical Society members participated in a “Drive Yourself Field Trip” on June 13 and spent an enjoyable day at the Huntington Beach Library. Beginner’s Class teacher Cynthia Day-Elliott scheduled a tour of the genealogy section where we were greeted by docent and Orange County California Genealogical Society representative Joan Rambo who showed us how the the library’s books were organized, how to use its surname files, and where its extensive collection of reference works and maps were. The library is a beautiful building, it’s easy to get to, and it’s filled with genealogy information. We will definitely return to do more research.