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## QHGS Meeting on Sunday March 20

“Beyond the Family Tree:  
Bringing Your Family Stories to Life”



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**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 St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 24)**

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# “Bringing Your Family Stories to Life” QHGS Panel: Publishing A Family History

## MEETING AGENDA

**MARCH 20, 2016**

**Starting at 1:15 p.m.**, Marion Werle will present **“Beyond the Family Tree: Bringing Your Family Stories to Life,”** an interactive lecture that will get you started writing about your ancestors. When you bring out your family tree and genealogy reports at a family gathering, do your relatives’ eyes glaze over? Are you overwhelmed with data after so many years of research and wonder how to tell your family’s story without getting lost in the details? Have you done so much research that you don’t even know where to start in writing your family’s history? If so, this program is for you. Marion will discuss various approaches to writing your family stories, using a variety of techniques. She will also discuss the importance of telling your own story, and reasons to overcome the reluctance that many people have about sharing their own life history. **Please bring pen and paper or an electronic device for brief writing exercises that will help you plan your first story.** After the break, QHGS members Dave Werts, Bridget Dole, and Kathy Latham will lead a group discussion. Drawing on their own experiences, they will answer any questions you may have about publishing a book, attending a writing workshop, or submitting a family history article to a historical society journal.

## ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

**MARION WERLE**



Marion Werle began her family history research over 20 years ago, researching family from Lithuania, Latvia and Belarus, who settled in the US, Canada and Israel. She is a member of the Southern California Genealogical Society Writers Group and is also a past president of the Latvia Special Interest Group (SIG). A retired IT professional with master’s degrees in both European History and Library Science from UCLA, she is currently involved in her most ambitious writing project ever, chronicling her paternal grandmother’s family and its journeys, which began in a small town in Lithuania. Her interests in genealogy include technology, methodology and, of course, family history writing.

## QHGS TOPIC NEXT MONTH

**SUNDAY APRIL 17**

Our April meeting will focus on genealogical methods with **“Fun with . . . Citing Sources,”** presented by **Jean Wilcox Hibben, CG<sup>SM</sup>, PhD.**

## Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

### GEORGIE PETERSON LYONS

1925 – 2016



Georgie Peterson Lyons, 90 years of age, passed away January 23, 2016, at her daughter's home in Alta Loma, California. Georgie joined QHGS on September 17, 1978, and was a member for over thirty-seven years. She served as our Hospitality Chairman, reminding snack bringers with a cheery telephone call; researched her many family branches while helping others do the same; and was our very own "Rosie the Riveter." For more information about Georgie's life go to [http://www.emmersonbartlett.com/sitemaker/memsol.cgi?user\\_id=1741003](http://www.emmersonbartlett.com/sitemaker/memsol.cgi?user_id=1741003).

### PAPALUCCI'S FUNDRAISER

**TUESDAY MARCH 22**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** We will eat Italian food and help QHGS at the same time on **Tuesday, March 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at our favorite ristorante, Papalucci's, located at 4611 E. Second Street in Belmont Shore. You don't need a flyer to attend—just show up and eat with your QHGS gen-pals!

### FAMILY TREE MAKER WILL CONTINUE

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On February 2, 2016, *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* published the following announcement: "**Ancestry, Inc., the publisher of Family Tree Maker genealogy software, announced that the program will not be 'retired' after all.**" More information at <http://blog.eogn.com/2016/02/02/family-tree-maker-to-be-continued-and-with-more-options-than-ever-before/#more-11830>.

### ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS

#### NEW SHOPPING METHOD

First, I must apologize for giving you faulty instructions last November on using our link when shopping online at Amazon.com. After finding out that none of the 37 items I bought there last year earned credit for QHGS, I figured I better find out why! I learned that **we must click on the Amazon link at <http://www.qhgs.info/shop.html> BEFORE putting things in our carts.** In addition, adding things to your cart from a wishlist won't count. **You must be on the page where the item is described/reviewed when you add it to your cart.** On a positive note, most of you figured out what to do in spite of everything; so, we did earn \$37 last year (what a coincidence!). Now, I have started shopping the correct way. —Christine Elia

### FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

January Income

\$153.00

January Expenses

\$686.27

F & M Bank Balance

\$7,304.04

of which \$2,299.06  
is restricted to  
educational expenses

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### REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

#### March Hosts

will be

**Bridget DOLE,  
Terry HAMILTON,  
Denise HOFMANN**

and

**Linda RYAN**

Many thanks

to our

February Hosts

Frances Liebzeit,

Penny Nugent,

Maxine Pitts

and

Sue Tisdall

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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance

at our

February meeting: 58

**A Warm Welcome  
to our**

**new members,  
Bob and Pat Prager,  
and to our guests!**

# Learning Opportunities

## WEBINARS TO WATCH

### Minnesota Genealogical Society

“From Deeds to Dirt: Analyzing Research with Maps,” by Cari A. Taplin, CG on **Wednesday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8716047847755984385>.

### Illinois State Genealogical Society

“Researching in Archives and Libraries: Do’s and Don’ts,” presented by Melissa Barker on **Tuesday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. This presentation will show you the best ways to conduct your searches at one of these facilities so your efforts will be successful. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1846416843611494402>.

### 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 2 and March 30**: “The War of 1812 Records,” “Making YDNA and mtDNA Part of Your Family History,” “How Do I Know That’s My Ancestor?” “The Private Laws of the Federal and State Governments,” “Introduction to German Parish Records,” and “Proof Arguments: How to Write Them and Why They Matter.”

### Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: “Origins & Evolution of a One-Name Study or Surname Research,” by Julie Goucher on **Saturday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m.** and “Inferential Genealogy,” by Thomas Jones, PhD, CG on **Wednesday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m.**

### Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Basics of Genetic Genealogy,” by Andrew J. Hochreiter, on **Tuesday, March 15, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. This course shows how DNA can help genealogists to find or resolve family relationships. It is designed to show what DNA tests can do and to explain common misconceptions about test capabilities. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8042157171103794178>.

## DIGITIZED INFORMATION ONLINE

### Digital State Archives

This website writes that, “state governments have been digitizing records, and putting mountains of content on their websites. The result is a goldmine of information, newly available online. This is great news for historians, professional genealogists and family history researchers.” Go to <http://www.digitalstatearchives.com/> for **links to all 50 state archives**.

### Digital Newspapers and Periodicals

#### Chronicling America

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

#### College Newspapers Historical Archives

<http://www.xooxleanswers.com/free-newspaper-archives/college-newspaper-archives/>

#### Google News Archive List of Historical Newspapers

<https://news.google.com/newspapers>

#### Wikipedia List of Online Newspaper Archives

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List\\_of\\_online\\_newspaper\\_archives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives)

#### Free Newspaper Archives

<http://www.freewebnewspaperarchives.us/free-midwest-newspaper-collections/>

#### International Newspaper Archives of Canada, Australia and New Zealand

<http://www.xooxleanswers.com/free-newspaper-archives/other-international-newspaper-archives/>

#### European Newspaper Archives

<http://www.xooxleanswers.com/free-newspaper-archives/newspaper-archives-europe/>

#### Historical Magazine Archives

<http://www.xooxleanswers.com/free-newspaper-archives/magazine-archives/>

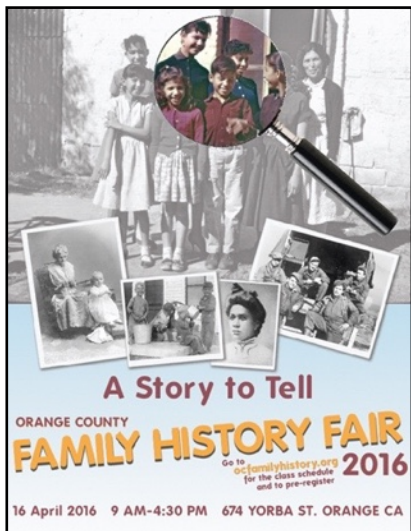
#### The Internet Archive

Wikipedia describes this site as, “a nonprofit digital library. It provides **free** public access to collections of digitized materials, including web sites, music, movies/videos, moving images, and nearly three million public-domain books” at <https://archive.org/>.

## Genealogy Events in Southern California

### ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Orange FamilySearch Library will present its **Annual Family History Fair** on **Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, at 674 Yorba Street, Orange. The theme of this year's fair is "A Story to Tell."



Every family has a story. Every story is waiting to be uncovered. Our presenters will help give you the tools—and the encouragement—to find and document yours. The Annual Orange County Family History Fair brings together a talented group of teachers to share their knowledge in genealogy and family history. They have presented lectures at regional, national and international genealogical events—the same caliber of class you might find at RootsTech, NGS or FGS, but so much closer to home! An online syllabus with biographies and class materials for each presenter is made available to attendees. **There is no cost to attend the Fair**, which draws several hundred participants every year; but, some classes fill up early, and only registered participants can attend. For more information about registering for the fair, go to <http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org/fair/index.php>. For a schedule of speakers and classes, go to <http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org/fair/schedule.php?year=2016>. Ample parking is available at the Fair, and staff will be available to help direct traffic.

### SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

**Orange County California Genealogical Society**  
The **OCCGS Annual Book Faire and Genealogy Bash**, with four lectures by **Lisa Louise Cooke**, will be held from **8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** on **Saturday, March 5**, at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach. There will be **over 1,000 books and periodicals on sale**, and there is **NO FEE to visit the Book Faire**. There is a registration fee for the lectures. Information: <http://www.occg.com/>.

**Corona Genealogical Society**  
"Where in the World do You Think You Are?" presented by Larry Naukam on **Monday, March 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

**Conejo Valley Genealogical Society**  
"Family Tree Maker—Pathways to the Future" by Dick Humphrey on **Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, 1401 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

**Genealogical Society of North Orange County**  
"Using the *Fold 3.com* Website" by Christine Johns on **Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

**North San Diego County Genealogical Society**  
presenting **Ce Ce Moore**, on **Saturday, March 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Street, Carlsbad. Ce Ce will give four lectures: "The Power of DNA," "Genetic Genealogy Case Studies," "I Have My Results—Now What?" and "Unexpected Surprises Revealed by DNA Testing." Cost is \$40 for non-members. For information, go to <http://nsdcgs.org/event/spring-seminar-2016/>.

**Whittier Area Genealogical Society**  
"The State of Newspapers and Community Journalism in Whittier" by Tim Traeger on **Saturday, March 19, 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier.

## Online Resources to Help Beginning Genealogists



“Where do I start?” is the most common question asked by a beginner; so, to help our QHGS newbies, here are some links that teach methods, define terms, and offer downloadable charts which genealogists use to record information about family history. They also demonstrate successful research strategies to make sure you find what you’re looking for! Each link presents its information in a slightly different way; so, if you can’t get “into” reading tutorials online, try a slide show or video.

### Lessons from the Pros:

#### FamilySearch.org

“Family History for Beginners”

[http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_for\\_Beginners](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_for_Beginners)

#### RootsWeb

“RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees”

<http://rwguide.rootsweb.ancestry.com/lesson1.htm>

#### About.com

“Introduction to Genealogy”

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/lessons/blintro.htm>

#### Allen County Public Library

“Beginning Genealogy Tutorial”

<https://sites.google.com/site/beginninggenealogy/home>

#### Dear Myrtle

“Genealogy Lessons”

<http://www.dearmyrtle.com/lessons.htm>

#### Familytree Magazine

“Ten Steps to Start Your Family Tree”

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/10-steps-to-start>

### Video and Slide Presentations:

#### FamilySearch.org Learning Center Slide Show

“Beginning Genealogy,” a step-by-step presentation.

<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/beginning-genealogy/228>

#### FamilySearch.org Learning Center Videos

“5 Minute Genealogy,” 20 episodes to help beginners.

<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/results.html?q=5%20minute%20video>

There are so many blogs, podcasts, and television shows dedicated to genealogy that it’s hard to figure out what to look at or listen to first. Here are some QHGS favorites.

### Blogs:

#### Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter

The latest news about genealogy every day.

<http://blog.eogn.com/>

#### Genea-Musings

Randy Seaver’s very helpful blog.

<http://www.geneamusings.com/>

A list of **87 genealogy blogs** is available at <http://www.cyndislist.com/blogs/general/>.

### Podcast:

#### The Genealogy Guys

George G. Morgan and Drew Smith discuss genealogy.

<http://genealogyguys.com/>

A list of **13 genealogy podcasts** is available at <http://www.cyndislist.com/podcasts/general/>.

### Television:

A list of **46 genealogy-themed programs** is available at <http://www.cyndislist.com/media/television/>.

## Irish Genealogy Resources



### National Archives of Ireland

Census Records 1901 and 1911, Tithing Applotment Books 1823 to 1837, Soldiers' Wills from 1914 to 1917, and the Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1858 to 1922.

<http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/>

### National Library of Ireland

Digitized images from the NLI's collection of Catholic parish registers on microfilm.

<http://www.nli.ie/>

### Irish Genealogy Toolkit

A helpful site for those with Irish ancestors.

<http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/free-Irish-genealogy.html>

### Irish Genealogy News

A blog with all the latest info about Irish genealogy.

<http://www.irishgenealogynews.com/>

### "Irish Genealogy" by John Grenham

A good overview of the who, what, where, why, and when of Irish genealogical records.

<http://www.gov.ie/en/essays/genealogy.html>

### Civil Parishes and Townlands of County Donegal

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bhilchey/DonegalMain.html>

### Ireland WIKI at FamilySearch.org

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland\\_Genealogy](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland_Genealogy)

### Irish church records at FamilySearch.org

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland\\_Church\\_Records](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland_Church_Records)

### Useful Irish websites at FamilySearch.org

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland\\_Genealogy\\_Websites](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland_Genealogy_Websites)

### FREE online classes at FamilySearch.org

#### 1. "Getting Started in Irish genealogy"

<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/getting-started-in-irish-genealogy/594>

#### 2. "Ireland Beginning Research Series Immigration Part 1"

<https://stage.familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/ireland-beginning-research-series-immigration-part-1-strategies/139>

#### 3. "Part 2 Famine and Post Famine Sources"

<https://stage.familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/ireland-beginning-research-series-immigration-part-2-famine-and-post-famine-sources/140>

#### 4. "Part 3 Ulster and Scots Irish Sources"

<https://stage.familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/ireland-beginning-research-series-immigration-part-3-ulster-and-scots-irish-sources/141>

#### 5. "Church Records"

<https://stage.familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/ireland-beginning-research-series-church-records/137>

#### 6. "Civil Registration"

<https://stage.familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/ireland-beginning-research-series-civil-registration/138>

#### 7. "Census and Census Substitutes"

<https://stage.familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/ireland-census-and-census-substitutes/555>

#### 8. "Irish Emigration to North America: Before, During and After the Famine"

<https://stage.familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/irish-emigration-to-north-america-before-during-and-after-the-famine/315>

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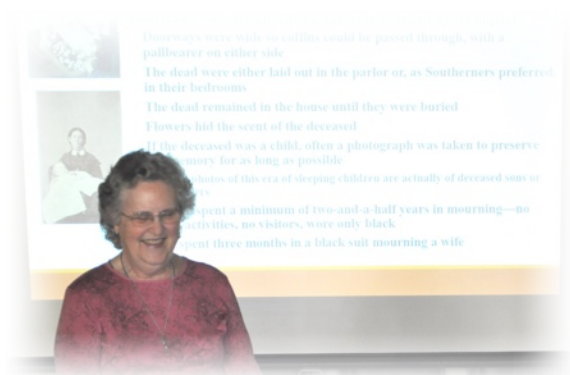
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# QHGS February 21 Meeting



Linda Serna presenting her lecture *The War Between Brothers: Families Torn Asunder*



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Connie Moretti presenting her lecture *Using Land Records for Genealogical Research*

Fifty-eight genealogists heard Linda Serna and Connie Moretti speak. Linda explained how the Civil War affected Northern and Southern families, and Connie introduced us to an advanced research source: land records. She led us, step-by-step, through each type of record, and showed us how deeds may reveal family relationships that are not documented elsewhere. Can you find yourself in the group photo above?

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