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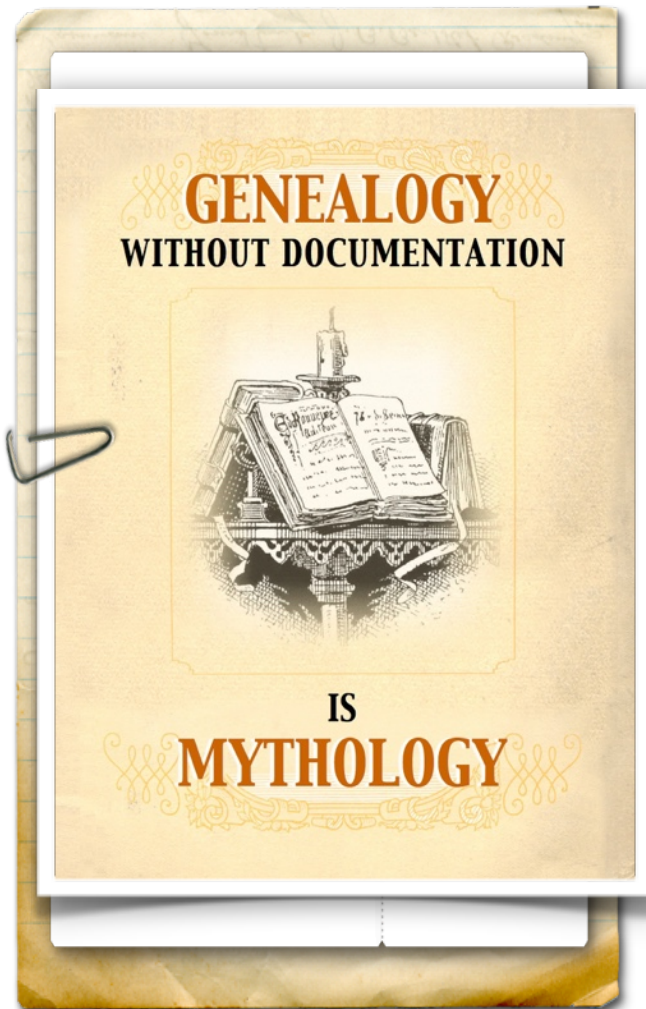
NEWSLETTER

FAMILY + HISTORY = GENEALOGY

QHGS Meeting on Sunday April 17

Jean Wilcox Hibben, CGSM, MA, PhD

“Fun with . . . Citing Sources”



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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 32)**

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“Fun with . . . Citing Sources” Why Methodology is Important

MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 17, 2016

Starting at 1:15 p.m., Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA, CGSM, will present “Fun with . . . Citing Sources.” We groan about methodology, but Jean explains that, “The material in a genealogy research project, family history program (online or with computer software), or narrative about the lineage have one major thing in common: all should include clear source citations for the benefit of the audience and the researcher, as well. (Others need to know where you found the information and YOU need to be able to find it again!) Learn that this process is not as painful as it may sound and is well worth the trouble.” **After our break, we will talk about plans for our June 19 meeting when *The Second Betty Marie Marr Memorial Lectures* will be given by D. Joshua Taylor. We will also fill out surveys** that ask questions like, “Which genealogical subjects of interest would you enjoy hearing about in 2017?” “What kinds of events would you like the newsletter to cover?” “What activities would you like to engage in as a member of QHGS?” “Would you be interested in a club-sponsored indexing project?” and, “What suggestions would you like to make about our programs/snacks/and anything else that comes to mind?” Please bring your ideas and your enthusiasm to the April meeting.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

JEAN W. HIBBEN, PHD, MA, CG



Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA, CG, former Southern California college speech professor (MA – Speech Communication; PhD – Folklore) is a Board Certified genealogist, national speaker, and author. She is the former director and current staff trainer for the Corona, California, Family History Center. Jean worked on Travel Channel’s *Follow Your Past* (to be aired in 2016), and she hosts podcasts with Gena Philibert-Ortega, promoting their joint venture “GenealogyJourneys.” With over 35 years of research experience, she is a former board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and is currently Vice President of its Southern California Chapter. She is also Vice President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, Western Regional Representative of the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, and is the current 1st Vice President of the Corona Genealogical Society. Her website is:

<http://circlemending.org/>.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

PAPALUCCI'S FUNDRAISER

A GREAT SUCCESS



Our fundraiser at Papalucci's was a great success. Owner Danny Tarantine presented our Publicity Chairman, Glenn Haas, with a check for \$250.00. We appreciate Danny's generous support, give kudos to Glenn for setting up the event, and thank every QHGS member who ate at Papalucci's on March 22nd.

QHGS NEWSLETTER

SUBMIT YOUR STORIES

Were you inspired by Marion Werle's talk last month? When you got home, did you start writing a short story that described an episode in one of your ancestors' lives? If you did, please don't keep it to yourself—share it with other genealogists who would like to read what you've created! To submit your family story for publication in the *QHGS Newsletter*, send it to the editor at questingheirs@gmail.com and put "attn: Newsletter Editor" in the subject heading. Don't delay—do it today!

QHGS TOPICS NEXT MONTH

SUNDAY MAY 15

Our May meeting will focus on archiving family "stuff" with "**Preserving the Past: Archiving and Digitizing for Family Historians**," presented by **Denise Levenick**. Her talk will answer questions like, "What should I do with family heirlooms?" and "How do I store photos, important papers, and memorabilia items safely?" After Denise speaks, we will examine how our members keep their genealogy information organized; so, please bring your genealogy binders, files, and scrapbooks for display. Looking at how others do things may give you some new ideas about organizing your own genealogy information!

QHGS LOST AND FOUND

FLASH DRIVES FOUND

Do these flash drives belong to you? They were found on the ground by the entry door after our March 20 meeting. Please contact Membership Chair Kathy Latham (562-422-7645) to claim them.



FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

February Income
\$213.41

February Expenses
\$284.43

F & M Bank Balance
\$7,233.02,

of which \$2,224.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our April Hosts
will be

**"Red" COLLINS,
Sandy MCDONALD,
Jon STROOSMA
and**

Connie WILLIAMS

Many thanks to our

March Hosts

Bridget Dole,

Terry Hamilton,

Denise Hofmann

and

Linda Ryan

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at

March's meeting: 50

**A Warm Welcome
to our
new members:**

Jacquelyn

and

Jerry

Grandt

Learning Opportunities

WEBINARS TO WATCH

Minnesota Genealogical Society

“Midwestern Archives and Their Records,” by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, on **Wednesday, April 6, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3066898941242906881>.

Illinois State Genealogical Society

“Letters, Ledgers, and Lodge Books: Finding Ancestors with Ethnic Resources,” presented by Lisa Alzo on **Tuesday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Learn how to locate letters, ledgers, lodge records, manuscripts, newspapers, and other ethnic resources. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3470676992813425922>.

Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following webinars which will be presented between **April 6 and April 27**: “Getting to Know Findmypast: Your Source for British and Irish Genealogy,” “Confirming Enslaved Ancestors Utilizing DNA,” “U.S. Land Records—State Land States,” “Fire Insurance Maps—The Google Maps of Their Day,” and “Researching Your Ancestors in England and Wales Part 2: The Parish Chest.”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinar: “The Peripatetic Germans: Emigration and Immigrations (1693-1914),” by James M. Baker, CG, on **Wednesday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m.**

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Using Timelines to Organize, Analyze and Evaluate Evidence,” by Annette Burke Lyttle, on **Tuesday, April 19, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. So you’ve done all this research—now what? How do you analyze what you have and decide what to look for next? This presentation will show you how to organize timelines that will enable you to evaluate your evidence, analyze your research, and identify next steps. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6753102932847533570>.

GSNOCC SUMMER SEMINAR

Cyndi Ingle will be the featured speaker at GSNOCC’s **Summer Seminar on Saturday, July 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Danish Church and Cultural Center, 6881 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda.



A Guided Tour of Cyndi’s List 2.0

This presentation begins with a brief history of Cyndi’s List, followed by an overview of how to navigate the newly updated site.

Newspaper Tools Online: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Explore both free and commercial newspaper sites to learn what is available for your own research.

The Internet: Lower Your Expectations to Raise Your Research Potential

People say, “That site doesn’t have anything useful,” and “I’ve hit a brick wall,” all because their expectations aren’t met for what they assume should be available online. We will explore several examples that demonstrate research success by moving beyond expectations and using the Internet as it truly is.

Ten Resources I Use Every Day: Miscellaneous Tips for the Online Researcher

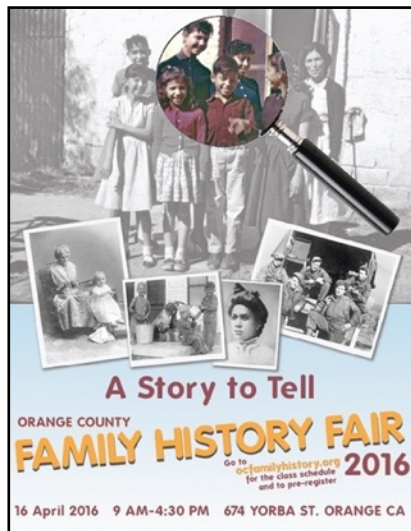
From Internet tools to specialty databases, you’ll learn about some of the things Cyndi uses each day in her research online.

Registration flyer: <http://www.gsnocc.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

Pomona Valley Genealogical Society

"Facebook, Websites, and Books . . . Oh My!" presented by Laurice Johnson on **Saturday, April 9, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Pomona Public Library, 625 S. Garey Ave (corner Garey and 7th Streets, just south of Mission), Pomona.

Immigrant Genealogical Society

Discussion group focussing on Pommern on **Sunday, April 10, 2:00 p.m.** at the IGS Library, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

LAPL Genealogy Garage Workshop

"Interviewing Techniques" presented by Donie Nelson on **Saturday, April 16, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Genealogy Dept., LL4, room LL420, at the Downtown Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles.

South Orange County Genealogical Society

"Genetics and Human Migration" by Dr. Stephen Baird on **Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society

"Weaving the Ancestral Quilt: How to Create the Story of Your Ancestors' Lives" by Barbara Randall on **Saturday, April 16, 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier.

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society

"Using FamilySearch.org to Build Your Family Tree" by Jim Cyr on **Tuesday, April 19, 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

"How to Use Pre-1850 Census Records" by Lisa Schumacher on **Wednesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

Want to Help Other Genealogists? Become an Indexer!

Your *QHGS Newsletter* editor sent several interview questions to Georgine Herd, indexer extraordinaire and editor of *The Genealogist*, the Conejo Valley Genealogical Society's newsletter. Georgine was kind enough to answer these questions, and we hope that she will inspire you to become an indexer too.

1. How did you first learn about indexing records? As a member of Ancestry.com, I read a notice there about WAP (World Archives Project).

This was in 2008. I started indexing a few months later in November of 2008.

2. What got you started indexing? Were you inspired by someone at CVGS or at the local Family History Center? Two things: 1) a chance for others to be able to search for information for free; and 2) a 15% discount on my yearly subscription. There are very few people that I'm acquainted with in CVGS (or other societies for that matter) that do indexing. The most volunteers came in 2011 when the 1940 census was being prepared. Since Ancestry used professional indexers for that, I turned to the LDS site and indexed quite a bit for the 1940 census; and then I found others involved in it.

3. Do you have a "specialty" (like French records or Italian records or Wisconsin records) when you index, or do you simply index whatever is most needed? No specialty. When I finish one project, I just peruse the available projects and pick one that seems interesting.

4. How much time to you devote to indexing? Do you do it every day? Twice a week? I don't keep track of my time for this, but I try to do some every day. I do keep track of the number of records, so I have my personal goal to meet each day in order to maintain my status in the 'Top 10' for the rolling 90-day period that Ancestry posts on the site.

5. Were you part of the push to index the 1940 census? If you were, which area(s) did you index? How did you feel when the 1940 census was finished? Yes, I indexed Michigan records,

Keyer	Records Keyed
pas531940	104324
PearlWebb46	63779
cruzan1985	49218
herdg	39547
sharonusry	36126
mikejozef	32809
kgawne66	32089
j_a_gray	28394

hoping I would be able to do my hometown records, but alas, you couldn't determine when they would be available, and darn it, I missed the window on my hometown/county. It wasn't a large populated area and it was grabbed up quickly.

6. How many records have you indexed in all? How much time have you spent in all—do you know? As of February 10th, I have indexed 1,084,049, and my rolling average is 39,547 (which if you

average it, is approximately 440 records per day – but remember, some days I didn't index (19); thereby my average was 550 a day). There were five days in which I indexed over 1000 each day.

7. Please explain what being "Number Four" means in the indexing world. Currently, I am "Number Four," although I once achieved "Number One." This means for the previous (and on-going) 90-day period, that's where you are ranked which is depended on the amount of records you have indexed. It is a running average count. How that works is explained by the "Community Leaders" sample above:

- Today, let's say your total for the 90-day period is 10,000 records.
- You index 850 records, bringing your total to 10,850.
- But then, at the end of the day, you subtract the amount of records indexed 90 days before which would be 600.
- Total to date then would be 10,250

After my husband died a few years ago, there was a period in which I did no indexing because of the various issues with settling all the legal and financial issues, not to mention the personal issues. I dropped off the chart, but was able to get back on it. There are approximately 1500 to 2000 active contributors, although the number of participants (some only trying it out) is approximately 50,000. 'Active contributors' are those persons who have indexed at least 900 records total in a 90-period. (*cont'd page 31*)

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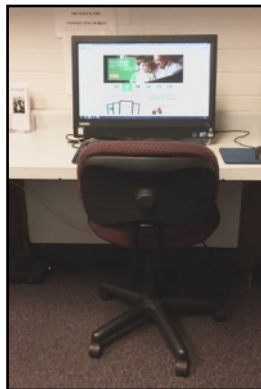
8. Are you an index adjudicator as well as an indexer? If you are, what is it like judging the “correctness” of others’ entries? In the beginning, I did some arbitrating, but found that my talent was better served as an indexer because of my high degree of accuracy—yes, both Ancestry and FamilySearch keep those statistics as well—and speed.

9. How would you encourage others to become indexers? I mention it to people that I know that might be interested, and encourage them to try it out. It’s not a commitment that you will be held to – you can do as little or as much as

you want, and stop any time that you want. Indexing lets everyone help one another with family history. Today, you may enter in the name of an ancestor of someone living in Australia, and tomorrow a person living in England may type in the name of an ancestor you and your family are looking for. If we all work together to enter these names into the two databases, we’ll each have a greater chance of finding information about our own ancestors.

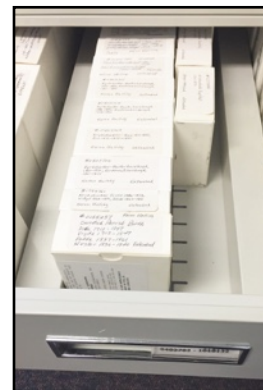
Thank you, Georgine Herd, for sharing your indexing experiences with the *QHGS Newsletter*.

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