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QHGS Meeting on Sunday July 17

“Grandfather’s Story: True or False?”

“Family Facts in Mugbooks and County Histories”



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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 58)**

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“Grandfather’s Story: True or False?” “Mugbooks and County Histories”

MEETING AGENDA

JULY 17, 2016

Starting at 1:15 p.m., QHGS member **Penny Nugent** will present “Grandfather’s Story: True or False?” This step-by-step presentation will show you how Penny broke down the brick wall surrounding Frank Nugent’s real identity. After our break, **Francie Kennedy** will present “Mugbooks and County Histories.” Francie will tell us why county histories were created and what is included in these tomes weighing up to 20 pounds! She’ll suggest search strategies for finding your family’s county history book, and show us how to locate volumes in libraries and online.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

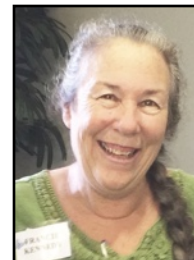
PENNY NUGENT



Penny has been researching her family lines for twelve years. She volunteers at the Long Beach FHC, edits the *QHGS Newsletter*, creates genealogy presentations, and enjoys helping others in their quest for family ties.

FEATURED SPEAKER

FRANCIE KENNEDY



Francie Kennedy is inordinately fond of maps and old county histories. She often stays up late collecting resources for her students in Beginning Methodology classes, and integrating these resources in new ways. Francie believes that the study of the past through the fascinating lens of genealogy can bring us a new understanding of the world we live in and a sense of our own place within the world. Francie is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), and speaks to genealogical societies in Southern California on a variety of topics ranging from Google to geography. Past president of the South Orange County California Genealogical Society (SOCCGS), she attended Pomona College in Claremont, and is a fourth generation native Californian. She has been involved with community groups in her hometown of San Juan Capistrano for over 30 years, serving as president of the Friends of the Library and chair of the Los Rios Historic District Review Committee.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

FLOYD'S FAVORITE

POLIKARP DINGER



Floyd Farrar shares a tombstone with us: "I used to take pictures for Find a Grave before my knees started to complain about the soft grass and uneven surfaces! Anyway, here is a marker that I always found interesting: Union soldier Polikarp Dinger. This is from Sunnyside Cemetery on Willow Street in Long Beach, California." A very thorough public family tree with 48 documents and photographs has been posted for Polikarp Dinger on Ancestry.com. Check it out!

NEW CO-ORDINATOR FOR FACEBOOK PAGE

Laurie Angel

Many thanks to Laurie Angel for volunteering to take over the Social Media/Facebook Co-ordinator position that has been vacant. If you have genealogy tips or links to great websites you've found that you want to share, please send your tips and links to Laurie Angel at lcangel@charter.net so she can post them on the QHGS Facebook page for all to see.

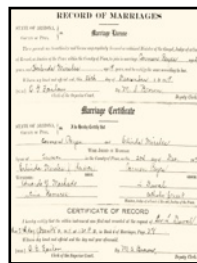
QHGS TOPICS NEXT MONTH

AUGUST 21, 2016

Christine Johns Cohen will present "**Discovering Your Family's Military History on Fold3.com**," and Nancy Huebotter will give an interactive presentation, "**Adding Timelines to Your Genealogical Toolkit**."

ROBBIE'S BIG DISCOVERY AN ARIZONA MARRIAGE

QHGS member Robbie Chavira has been compiling her family history for fifteen years, and last month her perseverance paid off. She found her grandmother's 1919 marriage record while researching online at the Long Beach FHC! She wasn't looking for it specifically at the time, but simply decided to enter her grandmother's name on an Ancestry.com search page.



Imagine her surprise, when up popped a reference to the marriage of Herlinda Mireles to Carmen Reyes. Robbie says, "**Check databases for your relatives every six months—you may find a 'lost' record too!**"

FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

May Income

\$78.44

May Expenses

\$165.51

F & M Bank Balance

\$6,742.34

of which \$2,224.06

is restricted to

educational expenses

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our July Hosts

will be

Terry Hamilton

Kathy Latham

Maxine Pitts

and

Connie Williams

Many thanks

to our

June

hosts:

The

QHGS

Executive

Board

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance

at our

June meeting:

24 QHGS members

and

5 guests

Learning Opportunities

WEBINARS TO WATCH

Illinois State Genealogical Society

“Special Delivery: Using U.S. Postmaster Documents in Family History Research,” presented by Jean Hibben, CG, on **Tuesday, July 12, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. There is a wealth of records among NARA microfilms of US Postmaster appointments (now accessible via Ancestry.com). Ancestors who were merchants, newspaper editors, politicians, or lawyers may have also served as Postmasters. Learn how to access and navigate these records and see how they can be correlated with other documents to get a more complete picture of your ancestor. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2607347059774722305>.

Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following webinars which will be presented between **July 6 and July 30**: “Navigating Naturalization Records,” “A Genealogist’s Guide to Heraldry,” “Finding French Ancestors,” “Organize Your Online Life,” “Community Cookbooks and What They Tell Us About Our Ancestors,” “Solutions for Missing and Scarce Records,” and “The Germanic French: Researching Alsatian and Lorrainian Families.”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinar: “Organizing Your Genealogical Research Process,” by Drew Smith, MLS, on **Wednesday, July 20, at 6:00 p.m.**

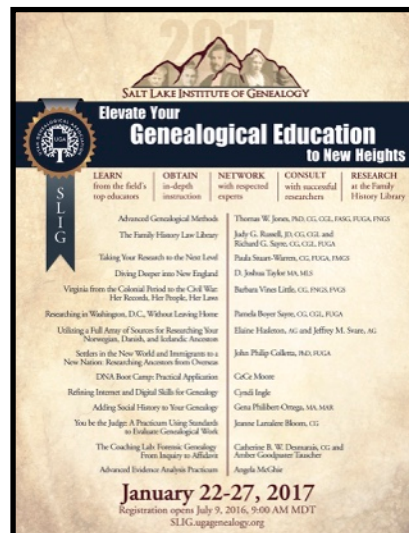
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Using Evernote as your Primary Tool for Capturing Notes and Ideas,” by Drew Smith on **Tuesday, July 19, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Learn to use Evernote, a tool that allows genealogists to capture, organize, preserve, and synchronize (across multiple devices) small pieces of information, including ideas, notes (typed, handwritten, and audio), photos, online articles, web pages, and URLs. Register at the following website: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6074047850068537857>.

REGISTER FOR 2017 CLASSES

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

Registration for January 2017 classes **opens July 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. MDT**. For more information go to <http://ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=413>.



SUMMER GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

Attending these gatherings is a great way to increase your knowledge while making friends in far-away places.

Celtic Connections, August 5–6, in Minneapolis, MN. Details at <http://www.celtic-connections.org/>.

Missouri State Genealogical Association, August 5–6, in Columbia, MO, with John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. Details at <http://www.mosga.org/cpage.php?pt=30>.

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Conference, August 17–20, in Arlington, WA, with speakers Claudia Breland, Lisa Louise Cooke, Blaine Bettinger, and Beth Foulk. Details at <http://stillygen.org/cpage.php?pt=50>.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, August 31–Sept. 3, in Springfield, IL. Details at <https://www.fgsconference.org/>.

Minnesota Genealogical Society Conference, September 29–October 1, in Edina, MN, with featured speaker Michael Lacopo. Details at <http://mngs.org/cpage.php?pt=3>.

Genealogy Events in Southern California

LOCAL SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

The **Orange County California Genealogical Society** was established in August of 1963. Meetings are held at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.



This month's OCCGS meeting on **Saturday, July 2**, features **Delbert Ritchhart** who will deliver two helpful lectures: "My Heritage—A Technology Innovator," at **11:00 a.m.** and "GenSmarts—Applying Artificial Intelligence to Genealogical Research," at **12:30 p.m.**

Library: OCCGS' genealogical collection contains over 19,000 books. It is housed on the lower level of the Huntington Beach Central Library.

Genealogy Bash: OCCGS hosts a seminar and book sale in March every year. Next year's Bash, on March 4, 2017, will feature CeCe Moore.

Annual Research Trip to Salt Lake City: OCCGS takes a research group to the Salt Lake City Family History Library every year in the Spring.

Civil War Veterans Project: In 2001, OCCGS began the Adopt-A-Soldier project to generate biographies of American Civil War veterans interred in Orange County. Access the 42-page index at the OCCGS website.

Learn more about the Orange County California Genealogical Society at <http://occg.com/index.html>.

SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Immigrant Genealogical Society

"Pommern 3rd Quarter Meeting," on **Sunday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.** at 1310-B W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

Corona Genealogical Society

"Round Table Discussions," on **Monday, July 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in the High Desert Room at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

Los Angeles Public Library: Genealogy Garage

"Charts: What is Available in Periodicals?" Genealogy Librarian Julie Huffman will show samples of periodicals that contain genealogical material and demonstrate how you can locate the information you need on **Saturday, July 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Richard Riordan Central Library, 630 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, in the History and Genealogy Dept. on Lower Level 4.

South Orange County Genealogical Society

"Road Trip," by Hal Horrocks on **Saturday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.** at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society

"Caillite agus Aimsigh: Irish History and Records" by Barbara Randall on **Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, 1401 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

South Bay Cities Genealogical Society

"Road Block: Where Do I Go from Here?" by Linda Serna on **Wednesday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.** at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

Polish Genealogical Society of California

"Solutions to 'Hitting the Brick Wall'," on **Saturday, July 23, 1:00 p.m.** at the LDS Family History Center, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., West Los Angeles.

Genealogical Society of North Orange County

Annual **Summer Seminar** with **Cyndi Ingle** 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.

State Spotlight: Research Sources in Ohio

Did your ancestors live in Ohio? Here are some websites to consult which have content beyond the bounds of Ancestry.com.

Ohio GenWeb Project

<http://www.ohgenweb.org/>

What resources might you find here?

- Transcribed census records, tombstones, deed records, etc.
- Local courthouse and government offices information
- Local Genealogical and Historical Society information
- Local Historical Maps
- Surnames of others researching similar family names
- Possible ancestor photos and historical landscape photos

State Library of Ohio

<http://apps.ohiohistory.org/death/>

- Downloadable Cincinnati Area Directories
- Search the Select Ohio Public Records Index for Ohio Department of Health Death Certificates, 1913-1944; 1954-1963
- Ohio Department of Health Stillborn Death Certificates, 1913-1935; 1942-1949
- Columbus Board of Health Death Certificates, 1904-1908
- Ohio Girls Industrial School, 1869-1943
- Ohio Boys Industrial School, 1858-1944

Ohio, United States Genealogy

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ohio,_United_States_Genealogy

An introduction to research sources.

Ohio Memory: A Collaborative Project of the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio

<http://www.ohiomemory.org/>

Ohio Memory contains over 400,000 digital images from a variety of primary source material types, including: archaeological and historical objects, manuscripts, maps, newspapers, photographs, and video.



Ohio's Digitized Newspapers

<http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers>

The Ohio History Connection has digitized over 315,000 pages of Ohio newspapers through its participation in the National Digital Newspaper Program. This content is freely-available at Chronicling America. Partnerships between the Ohio History Connection and local institutions have made additional titles freely available on Ohio Memory. These Ohio Memory titles comprise over 265,000 pages of content.

United States Rootsweb Resources: Ohio

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/roots-1/usa/oh.html>

Ohio Genealogy Express

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

Pioneer Migration Routes through Ohio

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~maggicoh/pioneer.html>

The National Road

<http://www.prairierootsresearch.com/migration-routes-the-national-road/>

The Wales-Ohio Project

<http://ohio.llgc.org.uk/index.php>

Ohio Genealogical Society Indexes

<http://www.ogs.org/research/index.php>

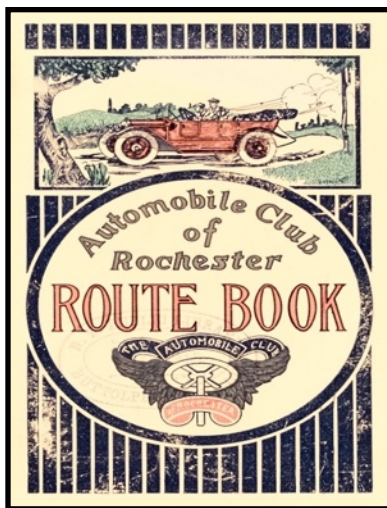
- The OGS Bible Records Collection contains nearly 3,000 Bible records and 72,000 names.
- Ohio obituaries
- Names of Union soldiers in Ohio units
- The Whissemore photograph collection from 1876
- Warren County: obituaries from 1810 to 2012

If any of these websites help you, please write an article for the newsletter about your discoveries!

—Penny Nugent

Genealogy Road Trips—Tips for Success

Genealogy road trips require careful planning. Your goal may be as simple as finding an ancestor's name in a city directory at the Los Angeles Central Library, or as complicated as an in-depth five-day research trip to Salt Lake City. You might even be contemplating a “genealogy vacation” to the land of your ancestors overseas. Wherever your Summer travels take you, you will have a better research experience if you practice the strategies described at the following web pages:



“Genealogy Road Trip Tips,” from the July/August 2014 issue of **Family Tree Magazine** <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Genealogy-Road-Trip-Tips>

“Twelve Places to Hit on Your Genealogy Road Trip,” by Robin Foster at **examiner.com** <http://www.examiner.com/article/twelve-places-to-hit-on-your-genealogy-road-trip>

“Getting the Most out of a Genealogy Field Trip,” by Lynda King at **Genealogy Today** <http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=604>

“Genealogy Road Trip,” tips from the June 17, 2014 post on the **Mid-Continent Public Library Blog** <https://www.mymcpl.org/blog/genealogy-road-trip>

“A Trip to Bountiful Genealogy Research,” by Thomas MacEntee at **Archives** <http://www.archives.com/experts/macentee-thomas/a-trip-to-bountiful-genealogy-research.html>

“Tips for Making Your Salt Lake City Research Trip a Big Success,” with helpful hints from fellow researchers at **Rootsweb** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~genepool/slc.htm>

“Preparing for a Genealogy Road Trip,” By Christine Woodcock at the **Geneosity blog** <http://www.geneosity.com/preparing-for-a-genealogy-road-trip/>

“Genealogy Road Trip Tips for Visiting Cemeteries,” by Dana McCullough

<https://danamccullough.com/2014/09/02/genealogy-road-trip-tips-for-visiting-cemeteries/>

“Three Tips for Genealogical Road Trips,” at the **Past-Present-Future blog** <http://the-past-to-the-present.blogspot.com/2012/07/three-tips-for-genealogy-road-trips.html>

“A Genealogy Road Trip: Florida to Canada,” by Anne Sponholtz on the **Road Trip America** website is a

brief description of where Anne went and what she found. Her journey and discoveries will inspire you, and her tips for success at the end of the article are very useful. Go to <http://www.roadtripamerica.com/GettingOutThere/Genealogy-Road-Trip.htm> to read all about it.

Judy Brooks, who spoke to Questing Heirs in 2014, has developed a method for organizing genealogy research on the road. Some of the tips and experiences she shares on the **San Diego Scottish Highland Games** website include:

1. Record a time line for each ancestor.
2. Find what repositories are in the area.
3. Contact the repositories.
4. Share your research. Local historical societies and libraries often have ‘Family Files’ where they store family history submissions. Consider taking a copy of your tree or other documents, and offer them to the local societies so they have an opportunity to make copies for their files. You may help an unknown cousin and connect with others researching the same family.

Judy’s encouragement to share your research with the people and organizations you meet on the road is a way of thanking everyone who helps you along the way. To read more of Judy’s excellent advice, visit <http://sdhighlandgames.org/roadtrip.htm>.

—Penny Nugent

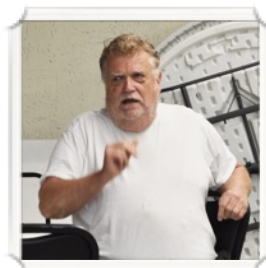
QHGS Annual Ice Cream Social



Connie Williams (L) showed a patent ruling for Elias Howe's sewing machine, and Linda Ryan (R) told about photos found in an old house.



Darlene Fields (L) asked what she should do with her "too many Simons" problem, and Shirley Terry (R) spoke about her family heirlooms list.



Kathleen O'Daniels (L) asked for help with a DAR lineage application, and Steve Propes (R) needed guidance with an ancestor paternity puzzle.



Sue Tisdall (L) brought an album of post cards that recorded her parents' history, and Kathy Latham (R) showed us baby clothes made by her grandmother.

QHGS Annual Ice Cream Social



Sandy McDonald brought two beautiful antique photo albums with pictures of relatives and told us how she acquired them from a genealogist in Idaho.



Mike Scully spoke about a ship bag from 1878 and talked about his mother's appearance on the TV show "Queen for a Day."



Carol Craft showed us three ancestor quilts that she created (the Monagin Family Quilt is displayed above left). She also shared a family photo.



Chris and Brian Elia showed us items from their travels in the Spring and talked about research they had done.

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Summer Fun at Home: A Local Road Trip!

Fort MacArthur Museum sponsors the West's largest multicultural celebration of world military history. Hours of this year's show are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days, July 9th and 10th. Tickets cost \$10.00 per person. They can be purchased at the front gate to the museum beginning at 10:00 a.m., and, as always, **parking is free**.

Old Fort MacArthur Days Living History Event

**JULY
9TH & 10TH
2016
10AM - 4PM**



**Fort MacArthur Museum
Angels Gate Park - San Pedro**

More information: <http://www.ftmac.org/ofmd.htm>

QHGS member Floyd Farrar reminds us that the event has loud noise, and that although free parking is available in areas surrounding the museum, things can get squirrely! It's a fairly short walk from most lots over uneven ground to the event. Uniformed guides will direct you to available spaces, and **carpooling is encouraged whenever possible**. Floyd's photos, shown above, give you a taste of what you will see at this celebration of our nation's history.