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## QHGS Meeting on Sunday August 21

“Discovering Your Family’s Military History on Fold3.com”

“Adding Timelines to Your Genealogy Toolkit”

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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 68)**

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

Individual: \$25.00  
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## Find Military Ancestors on Fold3.com Add Timelines to Your Genealogy Toolkit

### MEETING AGENDA

**AUGUST 21, 2016**

Starting at 1:15 p.m., **Christine Johns Cohen** will present **“Discovering Your Family’s Military History on Fold3.com.”** Fold3 has significant collections covering American military history, but it is not the easiest online genealogy site to use! Christine will teach us how to navigate this vast database effectively. After our break, **Nancy Huebotter** will give an inter-active presentation, **“Adding Timelines to Your Genealogical Toolkit.”** Please **bring information about an ancestor you’d like to trace through the arc of his or her life** and use that information as Nancy helps us fill in the blanks.

### FIRST SPEAKER

**CHRISTINE JOHNS COHEN**



Christine Johns Cohen is currently President of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society. She also belongs to the El Redondo Chapter of the DAR. She is a native Californian and holds a degree from UCLA in Political Science.

### FEATURED SPEAKER

**NANCY HUEBOTTER**



Nancy Huebotter has spent over 40 years researching her family history. Along with her parents, Nancy researched, wrote, and published a family history book entitled *Ancestors and Descendants of Thomas Carroll and Ellis Miller*, a 395-year history of her mother’s lines. She is currently writing her father’s biography, which she entitled *Not for a Nickel*. The story highlights his military service and subsequent imprisonment in a German POW camp during World War II. By profession Nancy is in the midst of a 40-year career with Raytheon Company (formerly Hughes Aircraft Company), where she is a principal technical writer and an instructor. As a board member of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Association, she is Director of Educational Development and editor of the news magazine *Echoes*. She spends her free time engaged in conducting family history research; volunteering at St. Jude Medical Center; reading, knitting or crocheting; and pursuing her dream of becoming a novelist!

## Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

### FRANCES SMITH

1921 – 2015



We recently learned that QHGS member Frances Virginia Smith passed away on December 7, 2015. Fran joined QHGS in 1987. She contributed recipes to the 1992 *Questing Heirs: Our Family Recipes* cookbook, was active in DAR, and volunteered at the library in Lakewood. She also played violin for the Long Beach Women's Symphony Orchestra! Although she had not attended meetings for the last ten years, she supported Questing Heirs and kept up her membership in our organization. Read about Fran's interesting life in an obituary published on January 6, 2016, in the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*.

### CATHY ROKICKI IS JULY WINNER

#### ROAD TRIP TOTE

We have begun giving an item of genealogical interest to one of our meeting attendees. Cathy Rokicki received an SCGS "genealogy road trip" bag with compartments for camera, phone, papers, binders, pencils, and pens. She'll definitely be prepared on her next research journey!

### QHGS TOPICS NEXT MONTH

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

DNA will be the topic of *both* classes when Linda Serna is our speaker next month. She will present "What Do You Do When Your DNA Doesn't Match Your Paper Trail?" and, after our break, "DNA: the Basics Simplified."

### KATHY LATHAM'S BIG FIND

#### SOLVING A MYSTERY

Kathy Latham had 16 group photographs, all obviously taken at the same time. She could identify family members in each picture, but why had they come together, what were they doing, and when were they doing it? Healdsburg Museum representative Whitney Hopkins suggested that Kathy search California digitized newspapers at <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc>.



Using that site, Kathy discovered many stories about her family; and, best of all, she found a front page article in the *Healdsburg Tribune* of December 31, 1924, "Four Generations To Attend Dinner." Her mystery was solved!

### FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

June Income  
\$21.91

June Expenses  
\$645.65

F & M Bank Balance  
\$6,118.60,  
of which  
\$2,224.06

is restricted to  
educational expenses

### REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our August Hosts  
will be

Darlene Fields,  
Sandy

Hollandsworth,  
Tina McKillip  
and

Caroll Ohlinder

Many thanks  
to our

July hosts:  
Terry Hamilton  
Kathy Latham  
and

Maxine Pitts

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

A Warm Welcome  
to new members:  
Alaine and John  
Weiss

Attendance  
at

July's meeting: 46

## Learning Opportunities

### WEBINARS TO WATCH

#### Minnesota Genealogical Society

“The Third Coast: How the Great Lakes Shaped America,” presented by Cari Taplin on **Wednesday, August 3, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. This program will examine routes into and out of the Great Lakes and major ethnic groups that traveled through the region, including immigrants from Germany, Scandinavia, and Eastern Europe. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6239578226097590017>.

#### Illinois State Genealogical Society

“Misbegotten Children: Tracing the Family Lives of the Illegitimate,” presented by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG, on **Tuesday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Nearly all families have children with seemingly missing fathers. Learn about clues and resources to help determine their ancestry. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1406973931847993857>.

#### Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreeweekinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between August 3 and August 24**: “Getting Started with Microsoft PowerPoint,” “The Battle for Bounty Land: War of 1812 and Mexican-American Wars,” “Homestead Act of 1862: Following the Witnesses,” “Successfully Applying to a Lineage Society,” and “Using Findmypast to Unlock your Irish Ancestry.”

#### Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: “Five Reasons the Records Aren’t in the Courthouse,” and “What’s In a Name? Every Surname Tells a Story.”

#### Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Using Word to Write Your Family History,” by Seema Kenney on **Tuesday, August 16, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. This class focuses on features of Word that make the creation of your family history quicker and easier. Register at the following website: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5152687892317967873>.

### LOCAL EVENTS TO ATTEND

#### Dominguez Rancho Adobe

Greg Williams, CSUDH Head Archivist, will be the featured speaker on **Saturday, August 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at the Dominguez Rancho Adobe.



Greg’s lecture is presented as part of the “Working, Traveling and Living on the Rancho” summer series. There is an admission fee of \$5.00 to attend. Register for this event, which will be held at the Rancho, 18127 S. Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, by calling Chantal Ochoa at 310-603-0088. More information is available at [http://dominguezrancho.org/event/working-traveling-and-living-on-the-rancho-speaker-series/?instance\\_id=4358](http://dominguezrancho.org/event/working-traveling-and-living-on-the-rancho-speaker-series/?instance_id=4358).

#### Huntington Beach Civil War Days

On **Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4**, the Huntington Beach Historical Society is proud to host the **21st annual Civil War Days Living History and Reenactment**, commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. The celebration opens at 10:00 a.m. both days, with **Battle Times** on Saturday at 1:30 and 4:00 p.m.; and on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. **Admission is FREE**. The reenactments will be held in Huntington Beach at the Central Park on Gothard between Slater and Talbert. For more information visit <http://www.hbhistory.org/#!civilwar/c11m6>.

## Genealogy Events in Southern California

### LOCAL SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

**The South Bay Cities Genealogical Society (SBCGS)** was established on September 21, 1977. Meetings are held at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.



**This month's meeting on Wednesday, August 17, at 7:00 p.m.,** features **Hal Horrocks** who will present, "Preserving Heirlooms—Keeping Your Genealogical Treasures Safe."

**Library:** SBCGS' collection has been built over the last 20+ years. The current holdings include books related to Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Pennsylvania, and New York. Books related to southern, mid-Atlantic, and mid-Western states are on the shelves as well. The collection is augmented by a very significant number of periodicals, which represent genealogical publications from almost every state, and some foreign countries. The Society's holdings are available on the lower level of the Katy Geissert Torrance Civic Center Library whenever the library is open.

**Harbor View Memorial Cemetery Project:** SBCGS completed surveying and transcribing Harbor View Memorial Cemetery in January 2003. Access this resource at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casbcgs/HarborVwCem.html>.

To learn more about the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, go to <https://sbcgenealogy.org/>.

### SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

#### **Corona Genealogical Society**

"Internet Security," by Bill Schneider on **Monday, August 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

#### **Orange County California Genealogical Society**

"Using Ancestral Religious Migratory Patterns to Locate Church Records" and "Researching Scottish Ancestors," by Judith Brooks on **Saturday, August 6, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

#### **The Immigrant Genealogical Society**

"Alsace/Lothringen/Luxemburg" on **Sunday, August 14, 2:00 p.m.** at 1310-B W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

#### **Conejo Valley Genealogical Society**

"Doing Background Research for Genealogy Television" by Jean W. Hibben, CG, on **Tuesday, August 16, 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**

"Unfamiliar Websites for Your Genealogy," by Gena Philibert Ortega, on **Wednesday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

#### **Los Angeles Public Library: Genealogy Garage**

Cheri Mello will speak about the basics of DNA research on **Saturday, August 20, 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**

"Mugbooks and County Histories" by Francie Kennedy, on **Saturday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.** at the LDS Church Building, 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

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

"Naturalization Records: What You Can Learn from Them," by Len Enlow on **Saturday, August 20, 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

## Remembering Robert “Red” Collins

On the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup> your *QHGS Newsletter* editor received the following email from member Connie Williams:

“It’s my sad duty to report that we have lost our member Robert Collins.

“Robert Collins was born March 27, 1940, in Riverside, California; and he passed away July 1, 2016, at Long Beach Memorial Hospital in Long Beach, California.



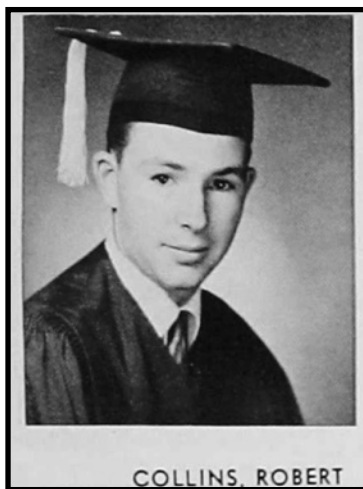
**Robert “Red” Collins  
with  
Examples of His Woodcarving**

was on its board of directors for many years. He did demonstrations at the Los Angeles and Orange County Fairs each year for more than 25 years. He was also involved with helping boy scouts earn their merit badge in woodcarving.

“With his long white beard, ‘Red’ played the role of Santa every Christmas season. He has been a member of Questing Heirs for ten years, and enjoyed the meetings, but most of all the people.”



**“Red” at the  
QHGS Meeting  
April 17, 2016**



**Phineas Banning High School  
1958  
Graduation Photograph**



**“Red” at the  
QHGS Meeting  
December 16, 2007**

“Robert was known by most as ‘Red.’ He was a graduate of Banning High in Wilmington, California, then spent four years in the Air Force. Red married in 1974 and was widowed in 2004. He raised one son and one daughter.

“After working as a longshoreman for 43 years, he retired and spent his days teaching woodcarving. He was one of the founding fathers of the California Carvers Guild and



**Robert “Red” Collins  
and  
Connie Williams**

Red was a true gentleman who helped QHGS at various activities and who also supported us as a Patron Member. His kindness will live in our hearts always.

Many thanks to Connie for sharing the photos which show Red with his woodcarvings and dressed as Santa; Red’s high school graduation photo is online at ancestry.com yearbooks; and the QHGS’ archives provided pictures from 2007 and 2016.

## State Spotlight: Genealogy in New York

Here are some websites to consult which have content beyond the bounds of Ancestry.com.

### New York GenWeb Project

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nygenweb/>

### New York Genealogy Records

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New\\_York\\_Online\\_Genealogy\\_Records](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_York_Online_Genealogy_Records)

### New York State Archives

[http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/res\\_topics\\_genealogy.shtml](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/res_topics_genealogy.shtml)

### Genealogical Research at The New York Public Library

<http://www.nypl.org/about/divisions/milstein/genealogy>

### Genealogy Records and Resources at the New York State Department of Health

[https://www.health.ny.gov/vital\\_records/genealogy.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/genealogy.htm)

### New York Vital Records and Genealogy Indexes on the Internet

<http://www.genealogybranches.com/newyork.html>

### Dutch Settlement of New York

[http://history-world.org/dutch\\_settlement.htm](http://history-world.org/dutch_settlement.htm)

### New York Websites at RootsWeb

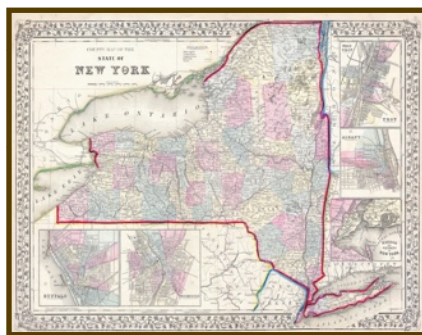
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~websites/usa/newyork.html>

### New York Archives and Libraries

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New\\_York\\_Archives\\_and\\_Libraries](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_York_Archives_and_Libraries)

### New York Migration Routes

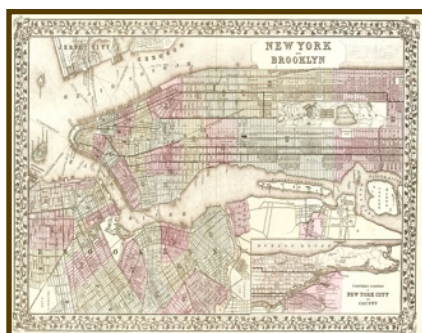
[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New\\_York\\_Migration](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_York_Migration)



1867 Mitchell Map  
of  
New York State



January 7, 1733  
the  
New York Weekly Journal



1882 Mitchell Map  
of  
New York City

### New York Pioneer Roads

Road Trip Mohawk Trail: [http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tqpeiffer/Documents/Ancestral%20Migration%20Archives/Migration%20Webpage%20Folder/\(1\)%20NORTHEASTERN%20US%20ROUTES/Iroquois%20Trail.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tqpeiffer/Documents/Ancestral%20Migration%20Archives/Migration%20Webpage%20Folder/(1)%20NORTHEASTERN%20US%20ROUTES/Iroquois%20Trail.htm)

New York Mohawk Trail map: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gentutor/mohawk.html>

### New York Digitized Newspapers

The New York State Historic Newspaper Collection has digitized over 5,000,000 pages of New York newspapers. This free, searchable database is available at <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>.

### New York Genealogy

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

### Central New York genealogical Society

<http://cnygs.org/>

### African American Genealogy Resources for New York

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/African\\_American\\_Resources\\_for\\_New\\_York](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/African_American_Resources_for_New_York)

### Genealogical Societies in New York State

You will increase your chances of success if you join a local genealogy society in the area where your ancestors lived. Here's a list of them: <http://www.frontiernet.net/~halsey1/ny/gen-soc.htm>

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

## An Open Letter from the Nominating Committee

### Will Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Exist in 2017?

You may not think about the Executive Board very often, if, indeed, you consider it at all,  
so let's describe it.

It is a group of elected officers who have volunteered to make sure QHGS functions properly.  
Think of the Board as the heart of this genealogical Society you love and support.  
QHGS cannot exist without an Executive Board.

**The Executive Board needs new officers and new ideas to take our Society forward.**

It is not fair to ask all of our current officers to "just serve one more 2-year term."

Most of the Board members have served for at least four to eight years,  
and some have been on the Board even longer.

It is not healthy for our Society to continue playing "musical chairs" on the Board,  
recycling the same people from one position to another while members do not become involved.

We have sufficient funds to operate for many years  
and we are experiencing an increase in membership,  
but we do **NOT** have volunteers lining up to fill five vacancies for the 2017-2018 term on the Board.

**If these vacancies are not filled, what does it mean for the future of our Society?  
Here are two examples:**

We have been operating without a Program Chairman since January 2016.

As a result, **no outside speakers have been contracted  
to present teaching sessions and genealogical lectures at our meetings in 2017.**

If no one volunteers to fill the 1st Vice President position this year,  
the lack of outside speakers will continue in 2018.

If no one volunteers to fill the 2nd Vice President position this year,  
the Member Directory will not be made, name tags and membership cards will not be issued,  
and membership bookkeeping records of dues payments will not be kept in 2017.

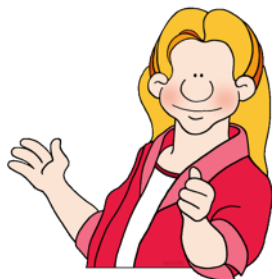
**What kind of genealogical society do you want?**

**If you want Questing Heirs Genealogical Society  
to continue serving  
the genealogical community of Long Beach, California,  
as we have done for the past 48 years,  
It's up to YOU!**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER**

## Be a QHGS Board Member for the 2017–2018 Term

The U.S. election cycle is chugging along 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 right now thought the very same thing at some point, and then found out that yes, it *was* possible! You won't start "cold" because we will mentor you. QHGS cannot continue to exist without support from our members. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions below, think it over for a few weeks, and say "yes" in September when Jeanette Jones, chairman of the nominating committee, asks you to serve. **Thank you!**



### PRESIDENT

#### The President:

1. Is subject to the control of the Board
2. Supervises the affairs of the Society
3. Performs all duties incident to his/her office
4. Presides at all meetings of the Board and of the members of the Society
5. Executes contracts in the name of the Society



### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

#### The First Vice President:

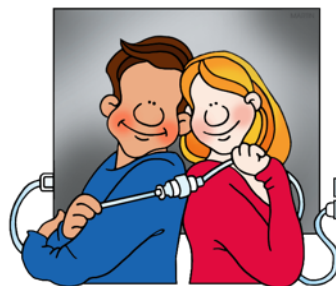
1. Plans programs for the monthly meetings
2. Contacts and engages speakers
3. Coordinates any special events sponsored by the Society
4. Performs the duties of President in the President's absence



### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

#### The Second Vice President:

1. In the absence of the President and First Vice President temporarily performs the duties of the President, and when so acting has all the powers of the President
2. Promotes membership in the Society
3. Maintains membership records
4. Prepares an annual membership roster



### 2 DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

#### The Directors-at-Large:

1. Represent the general membership of the Society and are responsible for bringing member concerns to the Board
2. Are responsible for the oversight of at least one committee and/or assist other officers
3. Perform other duties as assigned by the Board

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Lakewood Masonic Center Hall

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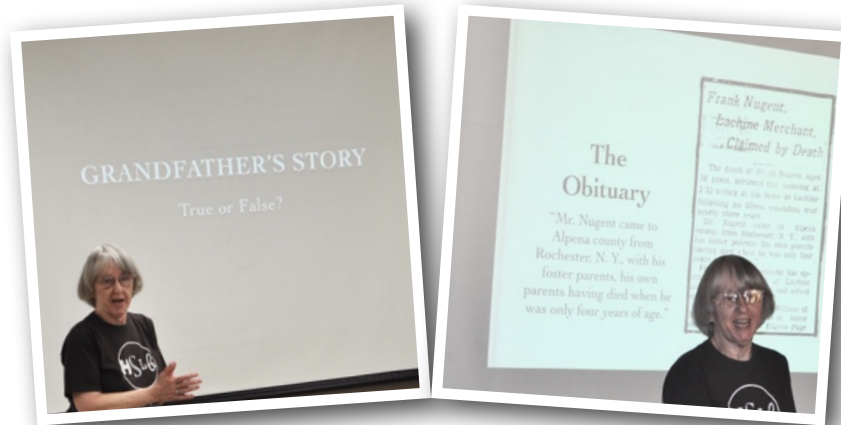
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# QHGS July 17 Meeting



“Grandfather’s Story: True or False?”



“Family Facts  
in  
Mugbooks  
and  
County Histories”

Forty-six genealogists heard Penny Nugent and Francie Kennedy speak at our July 17 meeting. Penny presented a case study about her grandfather’s origins and explained how research plans kept her focused on a logical, step-by-step approach. After our break, Francie Kennedy told us about “mugbooks.” She described why they were created and showed us genealogical information that we might find inside these county histories.