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QHGS Meeting on Sunday September 18 We Will Have Snacks at our September Meeting, Courtesy of the Nominating Committee!!!



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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 78)**

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“What Do You Do When Your DNA Results Don’t Match Your Paper Trail?”

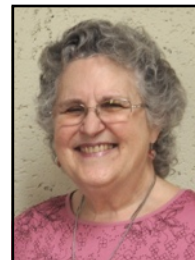
MEETING AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Starting at 1:15 p.m., Linda Serna, will present **“What Do You Do When Your DNA Results Don’t Match Your Paper Trail?”** This talk follows the steps Linda took when she discovered through DNA that her husband’s ethnicity wasn’t what they had assumed it was! Even though this is only one family’s story, it should give helpful ideas to anyone who finds themselves in this predicament by touching on DNA and showing how a case is pursued to resolve such a situation. **During our break snacks will be provided by the Nominating Committee,** and Jeanette Jones will thank individual members for volunteering to serve on the QHGS Executive Board in the 2017-2018 term. **After the break, at 2:45 p.m., Linda Serna** will return to present **“DNA: The Basics Simplified.”** Linda attended several seminars recently to learn more about DNA testing and how it applies to genealogy. She will begin by giving a simplified overview of the DNA process and then share what she learned at her classes with us. After her talk there will be a Q and A session, so bring your DNA questions: “What types of tests are on the market today?” “How is ethnicity discovered by DNA testing?” “How reliable are the DNA results?” “Should I have others in my family take the test also?” “Which test is best?” and Linda will answer them.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

LINDA SERNA



Linda Serna has been involved with genealogy in researching and writing family stories for 30 years. In addition, she was privileged to work as a genealogist for the first season of the PBS Genealogy Roadshow program. Currently, she is a member of the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (SCCAPG), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), the California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA), the Polish Genealogical Society (PGS-CA), and the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America (GSHA-CA) as well as being past Vice President of Programs for the Orange County California Genealogical Society (OCCGS). Over the last eight years, Linda has written and given several presentations on various topics for different groups in California and New Mexico, as well as teaching the Intermediate/Advanced class at her home group about twice a year. She is always in the process of writing new presentations. Her loves, in addition to public speaking, include history, writing, and traveling. She especially likes seeing how individual family stories fit in and make up the fabric of history.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

RALPHS REBATE PROGRAM

STARTS SEPTEMBER FIRST



Your grocery purchases can help Questing Heirs earn money if you participate in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Please sign up online at <https://www.ralphs.com/topic/community-contribution-2>.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

The QHGS fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31, so it's now time to renew your membership. This is also the best time for guests to become members because you will get a full year of "bang for your buck." A membership renewal form will be arriving in the mail soon. Please fill it out and send it back with your check made payable to "Questing Heirs Genealogical Society" for the level of membership you wish: individual \$25, or family (two people at same address) \$37.50. You can also do a little more for your Society by becoming a Sustainer @ \$50 or a Patron @ \$100. Thank you! —Kathy Latham

QHGS TOPIC NEXT MONTH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

Next month's program will present "Níl sé Blarney (It's Not Blarney—Researching Irish Records)," by **Barbara Randall**. Barbara will explain the ins and outs of Irish genealogy: what's online, what's not online, and what's lost forever. If you have ancestors from the Emerald Isle, this lecture is for you!

ROB CHANCE IS AUGUST WINNER

QHGS GIVEAWAY

We have begun giving an item of genealogical interest to one of our meeting attendees. August's winner was new member Rob Chance. He received a copy of Barbara Jean Evans' book, *A to Zax: A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians*.

RALPHS REBATES

HOW TO REGISTER ONLONE

Need help registering for the Ralphs Community Contribution program? Go to the QHGS website at <http://www.qhgs.info/shop.html> and click on the "Instruction for registering" link (updated August 2016) in the Ralphs section on our "Shop" page. Help QHGS earn money.

FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

July Income
\$88.95

July Expenses
\$264.05

F & M Bank Balance
\$5,943.50

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

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our September Hosts

will be

**The
QHGS**

**Nominating
Committee**

Many thanks
to our
August
hosts

Darlene Fields,
Sandy Hollandsworth,
Tina McKillip
and

Caroll Ohlinder

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at
August's meeting: 48

**A Warm Welcome
to new members:**

**Rob Chance
and**

Kathleen O'Daniels

Learning Opportunities

WEBINARS TO WATCH

Minnesota Genealogical Society

“7 Ways to Use the Cloud for Your Genealogy Research,” by Jennifer Alford, on **Wednesday, September 7, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. We will discuss what the cloud is, and examine cloud tools you can use to make your research more effective and easier to share. Register: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/157814375008134145>.

Illinois State Genealogical Society

“Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker: Using Occupational Records,” presented by Amy Johnson Crow, CG, on **Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Records created about occupation and employment can yield specific information about your ancestor and spark ideas for further research. Register: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5222129746649412097>.

Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between September 14 and September 28**: “The Treasure Trove in Legislative Petitions,” “Clooz: A Document-Based Software Companion,” “How to Use FamilySearch.org— for Beginners,” and “Beginning Polish Genealogy.”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: “Discover Family History in Historical Newspapers,” by J. H. Fonkert, CG, on **Saturday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m.** and “Migration Trails West: How Did My Pennsylvania Ancestors Get There?” by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, on **Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m.**

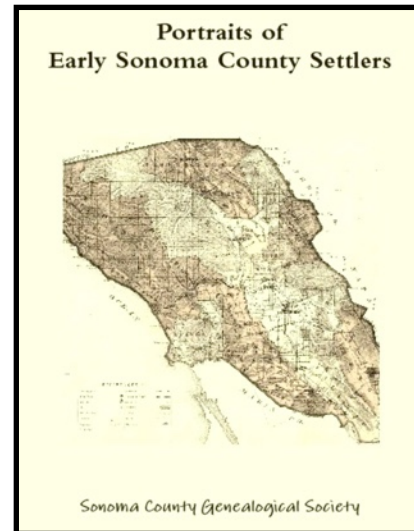
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“The ABCs and 1-2-3s of Researching Your Ancestor’s School Records,” by Melissa Barker, on **Tuesday, September 20, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. This presentation will tell you what school records could be available and where you can find them. Register at the following website: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/768860265584457217>.

SONOMA COUNTY HISTORY

Portraits of Early Sonoma County Settlers

This is a narrative history of sixteen early settlers in the area which is now Sonoma County, California. A number of the persons profiled arrived before California became a



state in 1850. Many of them were lured here by the Gold Rush of 1849, and, once here, they engaged in wide and diverse activities. Several were directly or indirectly involved in the settlement and development of new towns in the area. Others contributed to the development of agriculture, schools, and religion. Overall, this book gives a good picture of what the area was like as it moved towards and became a part of the United States of America. One of the contributors to this project is QHGS' Membership Chairman Kathy Latham! Kathy began writing her article about Tommy Ross in 2014 with a September 2015 deadline in mind. It was the first formal genealogical paper she had ever written for publication, and she learned a lot: how to get releases for photographs; how to cite original sources like the *Tommy Ross Diaries* currently kept by Pacific Union College in Angwin, California; and how not to become discouraged when committee reviewers changed their minds about using footnotes instead of endnotes which caused her to completely reformat her paper! Order your copy at <http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/sonoma-county-genealogical-society/portraits-of-early-sonoma-county-settlers/paperback/product-22777744.html>.

Genealogy Events in Southern California

SOC CGS FALL SEMINAR

SOC CGS presents **Lisa Louise Cooke** on **Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive (Corner La Paz and Marguerite), Mission Viejo.



Lisa will give four lectures: “Soothe Your Tech Tummy with These 10 Tech Tools,” “Google Search Strategies for Common Surnames,” “Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers,” and “Ways to Inspire Non-Genealogists in Your Family.” Registration is \$25.00 with a box lunch available for \$9.00. **Pre-registration must be received by October 12.** Tickets will be \$30 at the door! **Registration flyer available:** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/Seminar%20Flyer%202016.pdf>.

VCGS FALL SEMINAR

Judy G. Russell, AKA “The Legal Genealogist,” will be the featured speaker at Ventura County Genealogical Society’s Fall Seminar on **Saturday, October 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Camarillo Public Library, Community Room, 4101 E. Las Posas Rd., Camarillo. Registrations received before October 1 are \$40.00 with a box lunch available for an extra \$10.00. **To find out more about this seminar go to** <http://www.venturacogensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=329>.

SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Orange County California Genealogical Society “Manifest Destiny: Names at Ellis Island” and “Crowdsourcing the Path to the 1950 Census,” by Joel Weintraub on **Saturday, September 3, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

The Immigrant Genealogical Society

The Ost- u. WestPreußen (East- and West-Prussia) Special Interest Group will meet on **Sunday, September 11, 2:00 p.m.** at 1310-B W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

Corona Genealogical Society

“Case Study on a Civil War Ancestor” presented by Tommy Anderson on **Monday, September 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

South Orange County Genealogical Society

“Genetics and Human Migration,” by Dr. Stephen Baird on **Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.** at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society

“New Netherlands Research,” by Mary Van Orsdol on **Saturday, September 17, 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

South Bay Cities Genealogical Society

“Finding Vital Records Online—Beyond Ancestry and FamilySearch,” by Ted Gostin on **Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.** at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

Genealogical Society of North Orange County

“Genealogy Goals: How to Set Them—How to Keep Them,” by Lisa Alzo (webinar) on **Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

State Spotlight: Genealogy in Missouri

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

Directory of Local Historical and Genealogical Societies in Missouri

<http://shsmo.org/directory/>

Missouri GenWeb Project

<http://mogenweb.org/mo.htm>

Missouri State Genealogical Association

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

St. Louis Genealogical Society

<http://stlgs.org/>

Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society

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

The State Historical Society of Missouri Genealogy Guides

<http://shsmo.org/research/guides/>

Genealogical Society of Boone County and Central Missouri

<http://boonecomogen.org/>

Missouri Genealogy Search Engines

<http://www.ancestorhunt.com/missouri-genealogy.htm>

Missouri Genealogy Trails

<http://genealogytrails.com/mo/>

Missouri History Museum

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

Missouri State Archives

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/>

Access Genealogy: Missouri

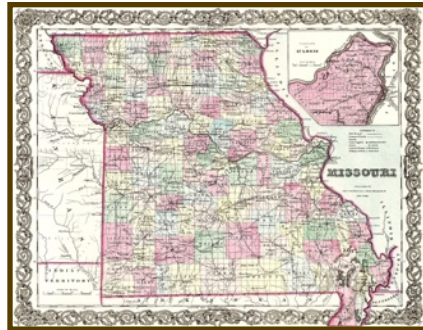
<https://www.accessgenealogy.com/missouri-genealogy>

Ozarks Genealogical Society

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

Linkpendium: Missouri

<http://www.linkpendium.com/mo-genealogy/>



Missouri Obituaries

Here is free online access to obituary and census images for deceased individuals from the state of Missouri going back to the 1830s. The database currently holds over 50,000 census images and over 74,500 obituary images.

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

Missouri Digital Heritage:

Death Certificates Pre-1910

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/birthdeath/>

Missouri Digital Heritage: Death Certificates 1910-1965

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/deathcertificates/#searchDB>

Pike County Genealogical Society

<http://www.pcgenweb.com/pcgs/>

Genealogy, Inc.: State of Missouri Records

<http://www.genealogyinc.com/missouri/>

Southeast Missouri Genealogy

<http://www.missouri-genealogy.net/>

Genealogy at the Kansas City Public Library

Missouri Valley Special Collections:

<http://www.kclibrary.org/kchistory/genealogy>

St. Louis Genealogy Records: Germans

<http://www.germanroots.com/stlouis.html>

St. Louis Genealogy Records: Orphanages

<http://stlgs.org/research-2/institutions/orphanages>

Missouri Genealogy Records Online

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Missouri_Online_Genealogy_Records

Mid-Continent Public Library: Midwest Genealogy

<http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>

If any of these websites help you, please let the editor know by writing an article for the newsletter about your discoveries!

—Penny Nugent

Genealogy Resources: School Records

In honor of September, let's look at some websites which will help you further your genealogy research by employing an underused resource: school records. There's more information in them than you may realize!

School Records

https://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=School_Records

Genealogy Resources: School Records

http://www.genealoger.com/genealogy/gen_school_records.htm

"Using School Records for Genealogy," by Lissa Lisson

<http://lissalisson.com/2014/08/28/using-school-records-genealogy-records/>

"School Records and Genealogy," a Meredith Public Library pamphlet by Erin Apostolos

<http://www.meredithlibrary.org/uploads/5/3/8/8/5388903/schoolrecordsgenealogy.pdf>

Education Records: Insights to Souls

http://genealogy.about.com/od/school_records/

"Back To School," What Type of Information Can You Expect to Find in School Records: Part 1

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=1584>

Types of School Records: Part 2

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=1595>

How to Find School Records: Part 3

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=2652>

Researching Students

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=4215>

Women's Colleges, Part 1: Overview

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=3915>



Women's Colleges, Part 2: Record Type and Content

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=3950>

Women's Colleges, Part 3: Locating Records

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=3952>

"Old School Records in the Newspaper,"

by Gena Philibert-Ortega at the GenealogyBank.com: <https://blog.genealogybank.com/searching-family-history-old-school-records-in-the-newspaper.html>

American Indian School Records

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/American_Indian_School_Records

Researching School Teachers, Part 1: Overview

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/roots/xweb.mv?xc=RootsDocument&xo=rescms&xr=4001&xz=google&z=1&zp=cms.link>

School Teachers, Part 2: Record Types

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=4013>

School Teachers, Part 3: Locating Records

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/roots/xweb.mv?xc=RootsDocument&xo=rescms&xr=4066&xz=>

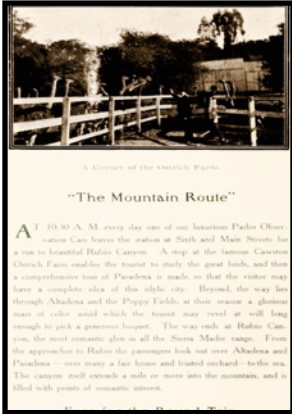
"Indiana Boys' School Newspapers," digitized by the Plainfield Library

<http://hendcogen.blogspot.com/2015/06/plainfield-library-digitizes-indiana.html>

"Forgotten Records from Freedmen Schools"

Angela Y. Walton-Raji shares: "On a reel of microfilm that recorded some of the 'Colored Neighborhood Schools' in the Choctaw Nation, I saw a community close to my hometown, and was delighted to find a school record from Ft. Coffee Neighborhood Freedmen School. Even more thrilling was my grandfather's name on the school roster!" <http://choctawfreedmenlegacy.blogspot.com/2014/07/forgotten-records-from-freedmen-school.html>.

SCENIC
ROUTE
EXCURSIONS



The Mountain Route



The Red Car



The Surf Route

Working in Long Beach: The “Red Car”

Was one of your ancestors a motorman in Southern California? Wikipedia tells us “the **Pacific Electric Railway** was created in 1901 by railroad executive Henry Huntington and banker Isaias W. Hellman. Pacific Electric was the largest electric rail system in the world in the 1920s. The Long Beach Line, the last line to be replaced by buses, was a major interurban commuter route operated by the Pacific Electric Railway between Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, via Florence, Watts, and Compton. Service began in 1902 and lasted until 1961.”

If your ancestor worked for the PER as a motorman, conductor, station clerk, agent, or in any other position, you might find him mentioned in the digitized company magazines, employee rosters, and newspaper articles mentioned below.

Wikipedia
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Electric.

Be sure to visit each of the 15 external links/webpages listed at the end of the article to see photos and read more about the history of this transportation system.

Pacific Electric Railway Historical Society
<http://www.pacificelectric.org/>

This website is filled with articles, photographs and maps. It contains a staggering amount of information, yet is very easy to use.

Dorothy P. Gray Transportation Library
<http://www.metro.net/about/library/>

This website has digitized images and articles from *Pacific Electric Magazine*, a

publication for employees of the company, as well as information about the company from other sources. Pdfs of the entire March 1941 and July-August 1947 issues have pictures of crews, retirement lists, death lists, articles about railway routes, and reports about activities of the employees.

1941: http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DPGTL/employeenews/PE_Mag_1941_Mar.pdf

1947: http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DPGTL/employeenews/PE_Mag_1947_Jul-Aug.pdf

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Research Library and Archive

<http://lacmtalibrary.tumblr.com/>

A searchable blog from the largest transit operator research collection in the U. S.

The **Online Archive of California** lists several collections of Pacific Electric documents and photographs at <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/search?query=Pacific+Electric&x=14&y=9>.

Pacific Electric’s Santa Ana Line and Los Angeles Railway’s J and V Lines, by Matthew Barrett, has a “family tree” of the Southern California transit system and many maps showing its growth. Available in pdf format at http://eco-rapid.org/Project/studies_reports/WestSantaAna_LA.pdf.

Ride The Last Red Car from Los Angeles to Long Beach April 1961

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebboO52Inlw&feature=youtu.be>

This video takes you on the last run made from downtown Los Angeles to Long Beach—an exciting ride!

—Penny Nugent

Genealogy and Genetic Diseases

Not only do genealogists have the opportunity to learn about their ancestors, but they can also learn about various inherited diseases. Some of these medical conditions can be life-threatening while others are merely an inconvenience. By studying inherited diseases floating around in your family, you may save or prolong your own life or the lives of your loved ones. By identifying the risks early in a person's life, medical treatment often can be much more effective than the limited choices available after the medical condition becomes obvious.

I find it interesting that one French-Canadian couple in the 1600s who are the ancestors of millions of living people have tentatively been identified as carriers of a common form of muscular dystrophy. It became more than "interesting," however, when I recognized the names of this couple as my ninth great-grandparents. Suddenly it wasn't just "interesting;" it was personal! **If you have French-Canadian ancestry, now is the time to check your pedigree charts.**

Zacharie Cloutier and Sainte Dupont, who emigrated to Canada from Perche, France in 1634, may have harbored the genetic defect responsible for the majority of today's French-Canadian cases of Oculopharyngeal Muscular Dystrophy. OPMD is best known for a weakness of the muscles that control the eyelids, causing droopy eyelids, a condition also known as ptosis. However, that is not the only symptom. The disease often causes a weakness of the facial muscles and pharyngeal muscles (those in the throat used for

swallowing), a condition known as dysphagia. Weakness of facial and limb muscles often occurs later. Symptoms of the disease usually don't begin until the mid 40s or 50s, but can occur earlier. A person with OPMD might have some of the symptoms, but not all. If you have difficulty swallowing or if you have droopy eyelids, check your pedigree chart. If you find Zacharie Cloutier and Sainte Dupont in the family tree, you might want to mention that fact to your doctor.

—*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, October 3, 2014, <https://blog.eogn.com/>.

Here are some additional websites to consult for information about other French-Canadian genetic disorders:

Maple Stars and Stripes Podcasts
<http://maplestarsandstripes.com/shownotes/mss-047-french-canadian-genetic-diseases-part-1/> and <http://maplestarsandstripes.com/shownotes/mss-048-french-canadian-genetic-diseases-part-2/>.

Michigan's Habitant Heritage
http://habitantheritage.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Colby_Founders_Effect_Oct_2010.1444835.pdf.

23 and Me
<http://blog.23andme.com/health-traits/french-canadian-ancestry-and-relevant-health-conditions/>.

RootsWeb Archives
<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/QUEBEC-RESEARCH/2002-01/1011244191>.

SNPedia
 This site lists 11 different genetic disorders common to French-Canadians: <https://www.snpedia.com/index.php/French-Canadian>.

—Penny Nugent

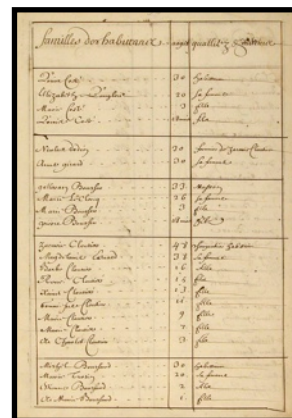
FRENCH CANADIAN FAMILIES



First Settlers



Québec



1666 Census

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QHGS Members at the GSNOCOC Seminar



L to R: Susan Roberge, JoAnn Wintenburg,
Dave Werts, Tina McKillip, and Kathy Latham

L to R: Sue Tisdall, Terry Hamilton,
Nina Gustin, and Dagmar Muthamia

One hundred and seventy genealogists packed the Danish Cultural Center Hall to hear Cyndi Ingle speak at the Genealogical Society of North Orange County's annual summer seminar on July 30 in Yorba Linda. Ten members of QHGS were there, and we all learned a lot as Cyndi explained how to use her newly updated *Cyndi'sList.com* website. She also told us about new historic newspaper sites, showed us how to get better results with our online searches by "aiming low," and shared the tools she uses every day to further her research. We visited with old friends like Linda Serna, Francie Kennedy and Norma Keating, and made new friends at the seminar. Best of all, QHGS member Tina McKillip won a door prize AND a spa gift basket in the raffle drawings!!! Way to go, Tina! The lunch was delicious, and we drove home with renewed resolve to attack our genealogical problems by using innovative methods.