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QHGS Meeting on Sunday January 15 “Sharing Your Family History with Family Members Who Couldn’t Care Less . . .”



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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 8)**

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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Family: \$37.50
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Life (Family): \$900.00

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“Sharing Your Genealogy with Family Members Who Couldn’t Care Less . . .”

MEETING AGENDA

JANUARY 15, 2017

Starting at 1:15 p.m., Connie Moretti will present “**Sharing Your Family History With Family Members Who Couldn’t Care Less...**” All genealogists have “exciting” information about their ancestors and the historical events that affected their families long ago; but, how do we present all those names, dates, letters, deeds, homestead papers, wills, censuses, citizenship papers and naturalizations, addresses, employment records, and photos to other family members without watching their eyes glaze over as they lose interest or are overwhelmed? Connie Moretti will show us how to pass on some of our excitement and just maybe inspire another generation to carry on the search. **After the break, at 2:45 p.m.**, we will discuss Connie’s presentation, and QHGS members will share their experiences about how they succeeded (or failed) to interest family members in the pursuit of genealogy. Tina McKillip will ask members to take 5 minutes (or longer) to give examples of times they tried to interest others in the family genealogy and to explain their methods. **If someone has successfully motivated a younger family member to partner with them in their ancestor search we really want to know how you did it!**

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

CONNIE MORETTI



A Torrance native and third-generation Californian, Connie Moretti claims to have done genealogy all her life due to a story-telling grandmother who enrolled her in the Covered Wagon Club at Knott’s Berry Farm in the 1940s. Retired from 30 years as an educator, Connie is the former editor of the *South Bay Cities Genealogical Society Newsletter*, has taught beginning internet and computer genealogy classes for South Bay Adult School, is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, United States Daughters of 1812, and is past President of the California Division and past Historian General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She is the author or co-author of four genealogy or history-related books, including the award-winning *Brigadier General Tyree H. Bell, Forrest’s Fighting Lieutenant*. She lectures on a variety of genealogical topics for genealogy seminars and organizations, and speaks on a variety of genealogical and patriotic topics for civic groups. We welcome her as our first speaker of 2017.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

POT LUCK LUNCHEON INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

DECEMBER 18, 2016



Pot Luck Conversations



Genealogy Bingo



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FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

November Income
\$227.75

November Expenses
\$144.99

F & M Bank Balance
\$6,094.07
of which \$1,899.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

January Hosts

will be
Sandy MCDONALD,
Penny NUGENT,
Lina RYAN
and
JoAnn
WINTENBURG

Many thanks
to our
December Hosts
the
QHGS Board
for providing drinks
and
to our
QHGS members
for
the great food

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance
at the

December meeting: 22

Online Learning Opportunities

FREE WEBINARS TO WATCH

Minnesota Genealogical Society

“From Deeds to Dirt: Analyzing Research with Maps,” by Cari A. Taplin, CG, on **Wednesday, January 4, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8716047847755984385>.

Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between January 4 and January 25**: “Strategies to Find the Most Challenging Ancestors with Autosomal DNA Data,” “Tips and Tricks to Organize Your Genealogy,” “Legacy Family Tree for Compete Beginners,” “Writing Up Your Research,” “Create a Free Google Earth Historic Map Collection for Your Research,” and “Playing Nice in the Genealogy Sandbox.”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: “Chain Migration from Ulster,” by Nick Cimino on **Saturday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m.** and “Who Lived Next Door?” by Cari A. Taplin, CG, on **Wednesday, January 18, at 6:00 p.m.**

Illinois State Genealogical Society

“Finding Dirk: Records of Insane Asylums in Illinois,” presented by Jill Morelli on **Tuesday, January 10, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1270444282472510721>.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Basics of Genetic Genealogy,” by Andrew J. Hochreiter, on **Tuesday, January 17, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8042157171103794178>.

Georgia Genealogical Society

“You Will Never Look at Your Old Photos the Same Way Again!” by Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, on **Wednesday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3824000663542975746>.

THE FAMILYSEARCH® CORNER

Family History Books at FamilySearch.org

This searchable database has more than 300,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family



history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. Go to <https://books.familysearch.org> to access these valuable resources which come from the following partner institutions:

- Allen County Public Library
- Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library
- Brigham Young University Idaho David O. McKay Library
- Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library
- Church History Library
- Family History Library
- Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
- Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania
- Onondaga County Public Library
- University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries
- Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

Genealogy Events in Southern California

YOUR FAMILYSEARCH® CENTER

Premium Websites Available at Your Local FSC

Your friendly neighborhood FamilySearch Center is located at 3701 Elm Avenue in the Bixby Knolls area of Long Beach. Staffed by volunteers, it is open on Tuesday



and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call before you visit, as our hours do change from time to time. Here are some of the premium websites you can access without charge—for FREE—at the FamilySearch Center:

- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive
- Alexander Street Press
- The American Civil War Research Database: Letters and Diaries, Images, Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera
- American Ancestors NEHGS—Library Rights
- Ancestry—Institution Versions: U.S., Australia, Canada, Germany, Sweden, UK
- Findmypast—Institution Version
- Fold3
- Geneanet
- Kinpoint—Premium
- MyHeritage—Library Edition
- Newspaper Archive
- ProQuest Obituary Listings

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOCIETIES

In addition to QHGS, twelve other genealogical societies meet in Southern California. Links to more information about them are listed below. Check out their websites to get the latest news about monthly meetings, speakers, seminars, trips to the Family History Library, and other events they present.

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society

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

Corona Genealogical Society

<http://coronagensoc.org/>

Genealogical Society of North Orange County

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

Immigrant Genealogical Society

<http://immigrantgensoc.org/>

North San Diego County Genealogical Society

<http://nsdcgs.org/>

Orange County California Genealogical Society

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

Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society

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

Pomona Valley Genealogical Society

<http://www.pvgs.us/>

South Bay Cities Genealogical Society

<https://sbcgenealogy.org/>

South Orange County Genealogical Society

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

Southern California Genealogical Society

<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/index.html>

Whittier Area Genealogical Society

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

My Genealogy Cruise Adventure

Let's take a genealogy cruise with Tina McKillip!

Something about the advertisement for a genealogy cruise sounded good. It was a chance to attend classes, meet new people who enjoy genealogy plus it would be my first trip to Mexico.

The cruise was being hosted by Gena Philibert-Ortega and Jean Wilcox Hibben. The cost for the cruise from Sunday afternoon thru Thursday morning was only \$325. You can't stay in a hotel/motel for that cost plus it included meals and genealogy classes. My friend Mimi from Michigan joined me.

We boarded the ship on Sunday afternoon and after getting settled in, we picked up our "goodie bag". It was a specially printed canvas bag full of helpful items like a notebook, pen, small magnifying slide, a lanyard name tag, lip balm and Tic Tacs for after lunch. We each received a free half hour consultation voucher with either Gena or Jean (via phone or e-mail) that is good for up to a year.

We joined our group of about 60 for the early dinner. The majority of us were genealogists but we had about ten who were not.

While at sea on Monday, we had genealogy presentations by Gena. Her topics included Using the FamilySearch Catalog, 10 Databases You Didn't Know were on Ancestry, 5 Steps to Better Newspaper Research, World War I Women. She presented in the morning and repeated in the afternoon in case you missed one.

Tuesday morning we docked in Catalina and had most of the day to enjoy the warm weather. We had no classes so Mimi and I walked around Catalina shopping and eating ice cream.



Wednesday morning we docked in Ensenada, Mexico. This was Jean's day for presentations on Civil War Research: Learning about your Union Veteran Ancestor, Fun with Citing Sources, The Devil is in the Details and Getting the Most out of RootsMagic. Jean's husband Butch presented Free Smart Phone Apps for Smart Genealogists.

Since I had never been to Mexico, Mimi and I took a guided bus tour to see one of the largest natural marine geysers in the world (La Bufadora) so we missed the early classes. We did return to the ship in time to catch a couple hours of Jean's presentations.

After dinner on Wednesday evening, a group of us met privately for an hour or so with Gena to ask her any questions. We returned to reality on Thursday morning.

I had never been on a group cruise. This was a lot of fun. I met new people and we shared many genealogy stories. A plus was seeing Sandy Bourassa who was a former member and past president of QHGS. She's standing next to me in the photo above.

The cruise reservations had to be booked thru a travel agent assigned to the group. Jean sent out updates periodically and with more frequency as the date approached. Her e-mails were full of details and were especially helpful to me as I had only been on one prior cruise.

Plans are being made for another cruise next year around the same time of year. I sure look forward to returning in 2017, and think it would be great to have several members of QHGS take the cruise together. Make plans now if you're interested. Contact Gena or Jean at genjourneys@gmail.com.

—Tina McKillip

State Spotlight: Genealogical Research in Illinois

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

Illinois GenWeb Project

<https://illinoisgenweb.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

Illinois Digital Archives

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

- Community Histories: Mt. Prospect, Centralia, etc.
- Lincolniana: Documents, etc.
- Industrial History: Aerial Photos 1936-1941, etc.
- Military History: Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc.
- State History: Black History Project, etc.
- Social Movements: Mining and Mother Jones, etc.
- Illinois Postcards: Various c.1900 - c.1925
- Illinois Maps: Historic and State Highway Maps
- Oral Histories: Veterans History Project, etc.
- Institutional Histories: Graham School of Nursing

Illinois Genealogy on FamilySearch

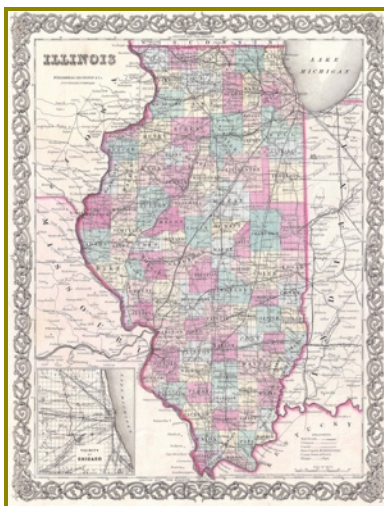
https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Illinois,_United_States_Genealogy

An introduction to research sources.

Searchable Databases at the Illinois State Archives

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html>

Includes **indexes** to Almshouse Registers, Circuit Court Case Files, Guardian's Case Files, Probate Files, Poor Farm Records, Naturalization Papers, Birth Certificates, Chicago Coroner's Inquest Record Index, a **State-wide Marriage Index 1763-1900**, and much, much more!



Illinois' Digitized Newspapers

<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/>

This collection contains 107 newspaper titles, 127,262 issues comprising 1,382,261 pages, and 6,887,660 articles.

Illinois' Online Historical Directories

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinehistorysite/Home/usa/il>

This collection contains digitized state-wide gazetteers as well as digitized city and county directories for Illinois communities.

Rootsweb Resources: Illinois

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

Illinois: Emigration and Immigration

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

The National Road

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

Illinois: Family History and Genealogy at Linkpendium

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

Illinois State Genealogical Society Indexes

<http://www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=66>

The following indices and databases are provided **free** to the public:

- African-American Genealogy
- Ancestor Photos
- Family Bible Records Surname Index
- Illinois Conference of the Evangelical Church 1837-1937
- Illinois Genealogical Societies
- Military Certificates

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

—Penny Nugent

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