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QHGS Meeting Sunday February 19



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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 16)**

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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A Letter from the Newsletter Editor

New Books at the Long Beach FSC Library

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW FORMAT / NEW INFO



As we begin a new year, we often make resolutions to change for the better. In that spirit, your editor thought it would be appropriate for the *QHGS Newsletter* to undergo a slight design and content makeover as well, responding to wishes expressed by members in November. You may not have noticed that the masthead has been cleaned up a bit and is now easier to read; but, I do hope you notice that we have a new column on the second page: “FamilySearch® Center News.” This column will keep you informed about a valuable resource in your community: the library at your neighborhood Center. QHGS Executive Board meeting minutes will now appear on the third page of every issue; webinars, seminars, and other society meetings will continue to be included; and, helpful articles will expand your knowledge, because the newsletter and its editor are dedicated to upholding our QHGS mission statement: “We are committed to promote interest in genealogy by providing educational opportunities to anyone who is researching family history.”

FAMILYSEARCH® CENTER NEWS

FSC LIBRARY GROWS



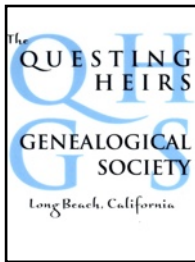
Linda Artuso’s genealogy books have been donated to the Long Beach FSC library by her son, David. If you are researching Scotch-Irish ancestors or North Carolina, stop by 3701 Elm Avenue in the Bixby Knolls neighborhood of Long Beach to use the following volumes:

- *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*, by Helen F. M. Leary, CG, FASG, ©1996 North Carolina Genealogical Society.
- *From Ulster to Carolina: the Migration of the Scotch-Irish to Southwestern North Carolina*, by H. Tyler Blethen and Curtis W. Wood Jr., ©2013 North Carolina Office of Archives and History.
- *Born Fighting: How the Scots-Irish Shaped America*, by James Webb, ©2004.
- *The Scotch-Irish: A Social History*, by James G. Leyburn, ©1962.
- *The Highland Scots of North Carolina, 1732-1776*, by Duane Meyer, ©1961.
- *The Scots-Irish in the Carolinas*, by Billy Kennedy, ©1997.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

QHGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

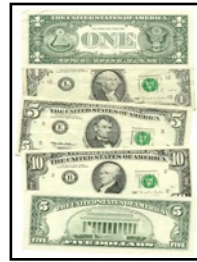
JANUARY 15, 2017



The board meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Terry Hamilton acting as President. Cynthia Day-Elliott reported that there were two new membership and one renewal. Glenn Haas moved that minutes from the November meeting be approved. It was seconded by Mike Powers, and minutes were approved as read. Tina Yanis reported \$22.70 in donations for refreshments. Mike Powers reported that there is \$5666.00 in the bank account and \$22,845.00 in the CD. Mike handed out the preliminary 2017 budget. Discussion was held and the following changes made: budget amount for publicity \$100; transfers to balance budget to come from the Priscilla Nielsen bequest of \$700.00 and from Betty Marr bequest of \$1200.00. After explanations and discussions, a motion was made by Glenn Haas to pass and accept the budget and seconded by Cynthia Day Elliott. Mike Powers suggested phone numbers and emails be removed from our web site due to spam or possible fraud issues. Everyone was in agreement. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. —Sandy McDonald

SNACK TABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

QHGS BOARD SUGGESTION



Do you enjoy snacking during our break? If you do, please put one or two dollars in the wicker basket on the snack table each month to help QHGS pay for the paper goods and supplies we use. **Thank you!**

ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS

ONLINE REBATE PROGRAM

If you use Amazon to do your online shopping, **you can help Questing Heirs earn money** through the Amazon rebate program. It's easy to participate, too. Use the QHGS link to access Amazon when you shop: https://www.amazon.com/?ie=UTF8&*Version*=1&*entries*=0&link_code=hom&tag=quesheir-20, and your Society will get a donation from Amazon for every cent you spend! Amazon is committed to helping nonprofits raise money. Last year we generated \$89.02 for our genealogy club by using the QHGS link to Amazon. Let's make 2017 the year we receive over \$100.00 from Amazon!

FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

December Income
\$101.72
December Expenses
\$529.56
F & M Bank Balance
\$5,666.23
of which \$1,899.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

February Hosts

will be

**Jackie GRANDT,
Tina MCKILLIP,
Janice MILLER**

and

Linda RYAN

Many thanks

to our

January Hosts

Sandy Hollandsworth,

Sandy McDonald,

Penny Nugent,

and

JoAnn Wintenburg

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance

at our

January meeting: 51

**A Warm Welcome
to new members**

**Elaine Murphy
and Ginnie Wilcox,
and to our guests!**

Online Learning Opportunities

WEBINARS TO WATCH

Illinois Genealogical Society

“Freedmen’s Bureau Records – Valuable to ALL Southern Research!” presented by Diane Richard on **Tuesday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. A common misunderstanding is that this record group only encompasses records of freed slaves. While it does contain records of freedmen, it includes a lot information about ALL impoverished Southerners, regardless of race. If a family tree contains confederate soldiers who were wounded or killed in action, their surviving parents, spouses or children might be found listed in these documents as they requested or received rations, were declared destitute, etc. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1270444282472510721>.

Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between February 1 and February 22**: “Photography for Genealogy,” “The WHO of Genetic Genealogy,” “Deciphering German Script,” “Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research,” “Weaving DNA Test Results into a Proof Argument,” and “Finding Missing Persons with DNA Testing.”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: “Finding Dirk: Insanity in the 19th Century,” presented by Jill Morelli on **Saturday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m.** and “Seven Simple Steps to Manage Digital Studies,” by Denise Levenick on **Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00 p.m.**

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Caring for Keepsakes,” by Denise Levenick on **Tuesday, February 21, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Discover what to save when you inherit a houseful of “treasures,” how and where to store your keepsakes, and how to set up a home archive so you can easily access items for research and sharing. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8256923685132587011>.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY WEBINARS

FamilySearch Learning Center Information:

On the Family History Library Classes and Webinars page at https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars you will find a list of all the FREE webinars that will be taught. A webinar is a class that is broadcast over the internet, and anyone interested can attend. In order to attend a webinar, find a class from the list below. Classes are organized according to geographical region. Once you find a class you are interested in, click on the title to enter the online webinar room. Please make sure your headphones or speakers are connected BEFORE you enter the webinar room. It is recommend that you enter the webinar about 15-20 minutes before the start time. This will help ensure that your sound is working before the webinar begins. If you would like to download the Handout, click on the words “Click Here” next to the title of the class. In order to view past webinars, you can scroll down to the Past Webinars section.

Important Reminder: all class times are scheduled in Mountain Time.

February 2017 Schedule:

- 2 Royal Flush or Not? Royalty, Nobility, and Gentry Differences
- 3 British Case Study
- 13 Finding Needles in Haystacks—Your Guide To Effective Search Techniques Using Online Search Engines to Maximize Your Success in British Genealogical Research
- 14 Figure Out Place Names for Swedish Genealogy
- 15 Will-Power! Tracing England Ancestry in its Rich Probate Records
- 15 Kartenmeister
- 16 Meyers German Gazetteer
- 16 Exploring Norwegian Parish Registers
- 21 Finding Ancestors in the Norwegian Farm Books
- 23 Religious Migration History and Genealogy
- 23 Ask Your British Research Question

Local Learning Opportunities

MARCH SEMINARS

DNA Day with CeCe Moore

The Orange County California Genealogical Society will present its **Genealogy Bash** on **Saturday, March 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, at the Huntington Beach Central Library Theater, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach. **CeCe Moore** will present **four lectures**: “The Power of DNA—Genetic Genealogy Basics,” “I Have My Results—Now What?” “Autosomal DNA—Discovering Your Ancestors In You,” and “Real Life Cases from the Desk of a DNA Detective.” Early registration fees for CeCe’s lectures: \$35 for OCCGS Members and \$40 for non-members. The **deadline for early registration is February 26**. Registrations after February 26 and at the door will be \$45. A lunch may be ordered no later than February 26 for an additional fee of \$10. **Registration flyers will be available at our February meeting.** You may also register online at <http://www.occg.com/>.

African American Family History Conference

The California African American Genealogical Society and the San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group present “**Discover Your Roots**” on **Saturday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Historic Chapel, 1209 S. Manhattan Place, Los Angeles. The theme of the conference this year is “Strengthening Your Future By Finding Your Past.” For more information, call (800) 533-2444 or go to <https://discoveryourroots.org/>.

What’s New at Ancestry?

Palm Springs Genealogical Society, Sun City Genealogy Club, and Shadow Hills Genealogy Group present **Crista Cowan**, Ancestry.com’s Chief Genealogist, on **Saturday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the Speaker’s Hall, Sunset View Clubhouse, 36180 Del Webb Blvd., Palm Desert. Crista will deliver four lectures about using Ancestry.com. A registration fee of \$25 includes choice of turkey sandwich or salad. Download your registration form at <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/0b8daecd-f6c9-4689-9a49-a41995e735cb>.

SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Orange County California Genealogical Society

Dick Humphrey will present “Expanding Facts into Family History Stories” at 11:00 a.m. and “Find A Grave for the Family Historian” at 12:30 p.m., on **Saturday, February 4**, at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

Corona Genealogical Society

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

Society of Hispanic Historical & Ancestral Research

“From Oral History to Written History,” by Mimi Lozano on **Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.** at the Orange Family History Center, 674 S. Yorba St., Orange.

Genealogical Society of North Orange County

“They Became Citizens: An Overview of U.S. Naturalization Records,” by Ted Gostin on **Wednesday, February 15, 7:15 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

South Orange County Genealogical Society

“Researching Your German Ancestors,” by Toni Perrone on **Saturday, February 18, 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

“Online Cemetery Indexes,” by Christine Johns Cohen on **Saturday, February 18, at 10:30 a.m. to be followed at 1:00 p.m.** with “Where In the World Do You Think You Are: Using Maps and Land Records,” by Larry Naukum at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society

Tools Class: “Using Genealogy Software” at 5:00 p.m., followed by “Family Stories,” presented by Linda Serna on **Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, 1401 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

False Pedigrees and Fake Genealogies

Has your research been compromised by a false pedigree you copied from an old book of genealogies? Are you sure? The FamilySearch Wiki page devoted to “Fraudulent Genealogies” warns us that “[n]umerous fraudulent genealogies are known to exist and can be found in any major genealogical library, online or off. Gary B. Mills and Elizabeth Shown Mills wrote that, ‘Armchair historians, family-tree climbers, online scammers and professionals are all among the guilty. Many are well-meaning folk who just got carried away by imagination, enthusiasm, or inexperience. Others are . . . quite calculating in their deceit.’ Genealogy researcher Carmen J. Finley has said, ‘Honest mistakes happen, [but] even more difficult to detect can be the misguided alterations and deliberate deceptions by seemingly sincere authors who tamper with evidence [e.g. hiding illegitimacy] or manufacture it outright.’”



“George Washington’s Family Tree,” pictured above, is a good example of genealogical fraud. On 3 February 2014, Rebecca Onion wrote in “The Vault,” *Slate’s* online history blog, “James Phillippe, a British genealogist working in London, presented this genealogical chart of George Washington’s lineage to Ulysses S. Grant in 1873. Phillippe hoped to curry favor with Grant, and to establish his bona fides as a researcher. Though beautiful, the chart is plain wrong.” To read more about this fake document, go to http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_vault/2014/02/03/george_washington_a_19th_c_genealogist_s_false_chart_of_his_lineage.html.

Another famous genealogical scam, “The Horn Papers,” is described by Wikipedia as, “a genealogical hoax consisting of forged historical records pertaining to the northeastern United States for the period from 1765 to 1795. They were published by William F. Horn of Topeka, Kansas between 1933 and 1936, and presented as a transcription of documents of his great-

great-grandfather, Jacob Horn (died 1778), and other members of the Horn family. . . . There is no conclusive explanation why W. F. Horn devoted such a great effort to the forgeries.” Read more about this elaborate hoax at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horn_Papers.

Information about how to protect your own research from the effects of fraudulent genealogies can be found at:

“**Fraudulent Lineages,**” by Nicole Wingate at <http://www.genealogy.com/forum/general/topics/gen/37674/>

“**Genealogical Frauds: Traps for the Imprudent,**” by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tmark/GeneFraudsArticle.html>

“**Watch Out for Fake Family Trees,**” by James Pylant at <http://genealogymagazine.com/fake-trees.html>

“**Beware of Fraudulent Genealogies,**” by Ron Wild in *Family Chronicle: The Magazine for Families Researching Their Roots* at <https://web.archive.org/web/20050521075636/http://www.familychronicle.com/Fraudulent.html>

“**Fake Family Trees Online May Trip Up Genealogists,**” by Lee Davidson in the 12 November 2005 *Deseret News* at <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/635160683/Fake-family-trees-online-may-trip-up-genealogists.html>

“**Ancestry Believe It Or Not: Genealogy Scams, Fakes and Forgers,**” by Mary Harrell-Sesniak at <https://blog.genealogybank.com/ancestry-believe-it-or-not-genealogy-scams-fakes-forgers.html>

“**5 Family History Scams to Avoid**” at <http://genealogy.about.com/od/basics/ss/scams.htm>

“**Online Genealogy Scams,**” by Lauren Eisenstodt at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Waste-Not-Want-Not>

—Penny Nugent

State Spotlight: Research in New Mexico

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

New Mexico GenWeb Project

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

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

University of New Mexico Digital Archives

<http://econtent.unm.edu/>

- Links to Five Museum Collections
- Historical Photographs
- Native American Collections
- Military History
- Digitized Newspapers
- Spanish Colonial Research Center
- Postcard Collection
- Historical Maps
- Oral Histories
- and much, much more . . .

New Mexico at the FamilySearch Wiki

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

An introduction to research resources.

Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico

<http://www.hgrc-nm.org/>

The HGRC maintains and presents online the **Great New Mexico Pedigree Database (GNMPD)**. After you've found your ancestors by launching a FREE database search, click the "links" tab for more research opportunities!



New Mexico Online Digitized Newspapers

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/usa/nm>

A list of 38 historical newspapers available for FREE with links for accessing them.

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/new-mexico-historical-newspapers-research-for-free#.WHPpr7YrLdS>

The Ancestor Hunt provides a tutorial video for researching New Mexico historical newspapers on the *Chronicling America* website.

New Mexico Online Historical Directories

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home/usa/nm/otero>

This collection contains a digitized copy of the 1955 Alamogordo city directory.

Rootsweb Resources: New Mexico

<http://resources.rootsweb.ancestry.com/USA/NM/>

Genealogy Trails: New Mexico

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

Pueblo Indian Census

<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/native-americans/pueblo-enumeration.html>

New Mexico: Family History and Genealogy at Linkpendium

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

This site has 5,225 links to help with your research.

New Mexico Genealogy

<https://newmexicogenealogy.com/>

New Mexico Genealogy is an independent website. Here are a just few of its 22 databases: African American resources, Bible records, biographies, cemeteries, directories, Native American records, and online books.

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

—Penny Nugent

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