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QHGS Meeting on Sunday March 19
Our Featured Speaker Will Be
Linda Serna

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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 24**)

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“A Visual Journey Beyond the Censuses” “Expand Your Family Story”

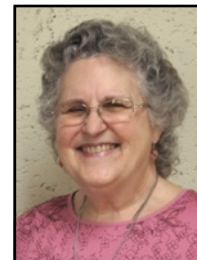
MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 19, 2017



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

LINDA SERNA



Starting at 1:15 p.m., Linda Serna will present “A Visual Journey Beyond the Censuses.”

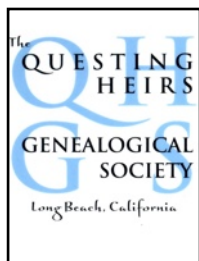
This is a lecture that uses maps, documents, pictures, and information regarding wars, disasters, and societal issues that affected people from 1790 through 1940. Her talk will be broken down into five different periods, 1790-1820, the nineteenth century frontier, the Civil War years, 1870-1900, and 1900-1940. This presentation is very visual but is interspersed with facts and important information of which to be aware. After our break, Linda will speak about **“Using Online Sources to Expand the Family Story.”** She will show us where to get information online in order to go beyond names, dates, places, and occurrences. This presentation will suggest sources and show examples of using information that can be found online to round out our family stories and trace our families through the years. If you have very few family pictures, this is the presentation for you!

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

DNA TALKS COMING ON MAY 21

OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS



Our April meeting is canceled due to it being Easter Sunday.

The speaker for both sessions on May 21 will be Carol Rolnick, a genetic genealogist. She will be talking about DNA and how to use various sites to find matches with a hands-on approach. Our hope is to have you bring your laptops/Pads/Tablets to our the meeting to follow along with your own results as Carol walks us through the various testing sites. Now is the time to test your DNA at whatever site you choose! Consider downloading your raw DNA data from your testing site and uploading it to GEDmatch.com. This is a free site where results and testers from the three main sites all come together. Once you make your free account with GEDmatch, there are instruction on how to download and upload from whatever site you tested. You only need to upload one test (per person) on GEDmatch. Also consider uploading your raw DNA data (from Ancestry or 23&Me) to FTDNA (Family Tree DNA) for free.

GENEALOGY JOURNEYS AT SEA

NOVEMBER 5-9, 2017



Ever wanted to go on a cruise and do genealogy at the same time? Well, now you can! Let's get a group of QHGS members together and book our cabins. Learn from presentations by Gena Philibert-Ortega, MA, MAR, and Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA. Have a chance to visit with experts and network with other genealogists. L.A. (Butch) Hibben, CLA, will be available for technology help (smart phones, audio recordings, free apps, software, etc.) Cabins start at \$302.94 per person, based on double occupancy. Prices INCLUDE port fees & taxes (gratuities not included). More information at http://genaandjean.blogspot.com/p/tour-2016_7.html.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

QHGS BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Please contact Glenn Haas glennhaas@att.net or Terry Hamilton hammytl@aol.com if you would like to be on the committee to update our QHGS bylaws. We need volunteers!

FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

January Income
\$130.34

January Expenses
\$304.72

F & M Bank Balance
\$5,491.85

of which \$1,899.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

March Hosts

will be

**Penny NUGENT,
Carroll OHLINDER,
Cathy ROCKIKI,**

**and
Linda RYAN**

Many thanks
to our

February Hosts
Jackie Grandt,
Tina McKillip,
Janice Miller
and
Linda Ryan

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance
at our

February meeting: 40

**A Warm Welcome
to new members
Wayne Drouillard
and Candace Wood,
and to our guests!**

Online Learning Opportunities

WEBINARS TO WATCH

Illinois Genealogical Society

“Nurses, Matrons, Laundresses and Cooks: Documenting Women in the Civil War,” presented by Angela Y. Walton-Raji on **Tuesday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Several thousand women served in the capacity of nurses and matrons during the Civil War, although the exact numbers are not known. Through carded service records, one can find the names of 20,000 women who served the Union Army. This workshop will look at the roles that Civil War Women played in various hospitals, campsites and medical units in the Civil War. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8176273406953966595>.

Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between March 1 and March 29**: “Apprentices, Indentured Servants, and Redemptioners,” “50 Websites Every Genealogist Should Know,” “Kansas Research Tips,” “Why are Irish Records so Weird?,” “Are You My Grandpa? Men of the Same Name,” “Images You Can Freely Use,” and “Introduction to Quaker Genealogy Research.”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: “Finding Unindexed Records on FamilySearch,” presented by Mary Kircher Roddy on **Saturday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m. PST** and “Pre-1870 African-American Research,” by Diane L. Richard on **Wednesday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“I Found My Family on the Internet! Now What Do I Do?” by Jill Morelli on **Tuesday, March 21, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. When you find that “fluttering leaf” attached to a possible ancestor, what do you do? Do you accept the answer given to you by the leaf? Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4170405102061454851>.

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.

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

March 2017 Schedule:

- 6 Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively
- 8 British Case Study
- 8 The Value of Danish Military Levying Rolls
- 8 Swedish Jurisdictions and the Records They Kept
- 9 Starting Family Tree: Photos and Documents
- 13 Blessings and Curses of Tracing Welsh Ancestry
- 13 Welsh Naming Patterns and Customs
- 14 How to Trace England Ancestry Online
- 14 Tracing Non-Church of England Ancestry
- 14 Danish Census Records Online
- 15 Scotland's 'Lost' Other Half: Tracing Difficult Ancestral Lines in Scotland's Non-Parochial (Church) Registers
- 15 Using Church of Scotland Parochial Registers to Trace Scots Ancestry
- 16 Turning the Tables on Tracing Elusive Ancestry in England/Wales Civil Registration Records: How to Trace Ancestry Using Online BMD Indexes
- 17 Tracing Irish Roman Catholic Ancestry
- 17 Finding Ancestry in Ireland Civil Registration Records
- 17 Ireland Census & Census Substitutes
- 17 The Scots-Irish: Plantation and Settlement of Ulster in the 17th Century
- 17 Key Websites for Tracing Ancestry in Ireland
- 22 Exploring Danish Parish Registers
- 23 Revolutionary War Records
- 30 Scandinavian Feast Days and Calendars

Local Learning Opportunities

MARCH SEMINARS AND TALKS

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>.

How to Get Started in Genealogy

The Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society presents “**I Would Love to Find My Great Grandfather But Don’t Know Where to Start,**” on **Saturday, March 26, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**, at Temple Bat Yahm, 1011 Camelback St., Newport Beach. Where to start, how to start, what information is available, how does the internet help and/or hinder . . . it’s all too much!! OCJGS’s own **Michelle Sandler** will show us how to get started in Jewish Genealogy using Oral History, US Census, Naturalization Records, Immigration Records, Family History Library, and major online sources of genealogical information such as JewishGen and FamilySearch.org. This presentation is a MUST for all beginners—your newsletter editor found her Italian great grandmother’s arrival at Ellis island by using the JewishGen website. For more information go to <http://www.ocjgs.org/>.

SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Corona Genealogical Society

“Planning A Genealogy Vacation,” presented by Larry Naukum on **Monday, March 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

“Finding Your Roots in Mexico,” by John Schmall on **Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.** at the Orange Family History Center, 674 S. Yorba St., Orange.

Genealogical Society of North Orange County

“Let No (Wo)Man Put Asunder: Researching Ancestors Who Divorce,” by Jane Neff Rollins on **Wednesday, March 15, 7:15 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

South Orange County Genealogical Society

“What Is Forensic Genealogy?” by Colleen Fitzpatrick on **Saturday, March 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

“State Census Records,” by Rick Frohling on **Saturday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m. to be followed at 1:00 p.m.** with a panel discussion with members of the Southern California chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists led by Jean Wilcox Hibben at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society

“Vital Records Online: Beyond Ancestry and FamilySearch,” presented by Ted Gostin on **Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, at the Los Angeles Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society

Tools Class: “Newest Genealogy Records” at 5:00 p.m., followed by the CVGS Annual Open House on **Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, 1401 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

City Directories: More than Addresses

Have you used city directories to augment your genealogical research? All too often we use directories only to find our ancestors between censuses, recording their addresses and tracing their movements from place to place, ignoring additional information contained inside. The FamilySearch WIKI lists **examples of what you may find:**

- An alphabetical listing of inhabitants (arranged by name, address, and occupation)
- A street address listing (arranged by address, name, and occupation)
- Widows, working women, and adult children at home
- Ward boundaries and city maps
- Street locator, including cross streets
- Street name changes
- Removals (sometimes destinations!)
- Late arrivals (too late for the alphabetical listing)
- Business addresses, ads, and an index to advertisers
- Personnel listings of police departments, fire departments, government offices, churches, schools and benevolent associations
- Addresses of funeral homes, cemeteries, post offices, courts, and hospitals
- Engravings of buildings which may no longer exist today
- Vital statistics: lists of births, marriages, divorces and deaths from the previous year.
- A short history of the city from its founding to the date of the directory
- A list of rural farmers in the county

For more city directory research assistance go to:

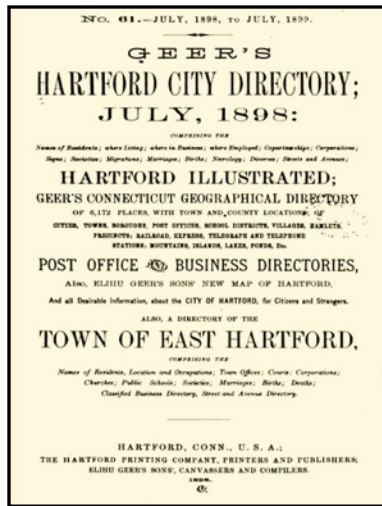
FamilySearch Wiki: United States Directories

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

The best place to begin your search.

City and County Directories

<http://genealogypro.com/articles/city-county-directories.html>



Using City Directories

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=352>

Common Abbreviations in City Directories

<http://www.genealogyintime.com/dictionaries/city-directory-abbreviations.html>

Links to Eighteen Tutorials

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home/articles>

Historical Directories of England & Wales

<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/pl6445coll4/hd/findbylocation.asp>

Historical Directories of Scotland

<http://www.scotsgenealogy.com/Resources/Directories.aspx>

Bobbie's Genealogy Classroom

<http://www.barbsnow.net/City%20Directories.html>

How to Use the FREE Internet Archive to Find City Directories (Video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiRxbOkT_f0

An October 5, 2016, press release states that, “the **New York Public Library** is digitizing its collection of New York City Directories. The entire collection will be going online over the coming months, and the goal is to make the directory texts searchable in powerful new ways, in order to build datasets that will inform research in New York City history, genealogy, and beyond.”

“Direct Me: A History of City Directories in the United States and New York City”

<https://www.nypl.org/blog/2012/06/08/direct-me-1786-history-city-directories-US-NYC>

This blog post, written by Philip Sutton, explains everything you always wanted to know about city directories. Although the article focuses on New York City, the illustrations show directory pages that could be found anywhere.

State Spotlight: Research in Indiana

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

Indiana GenWeb Project

<http://www.ingenweb.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

Indiana Genealogical Society

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

Many FREE databases on this site.

Indiana: FamilySearch WIKI

<https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Indiana,UnitedStatesGenealogy>

Indiana: Online Genealogy Records

<https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/IndianaOnlineGenealogyRecords>

A nicely arranged list of links.

Indiana State Library Digital Collections

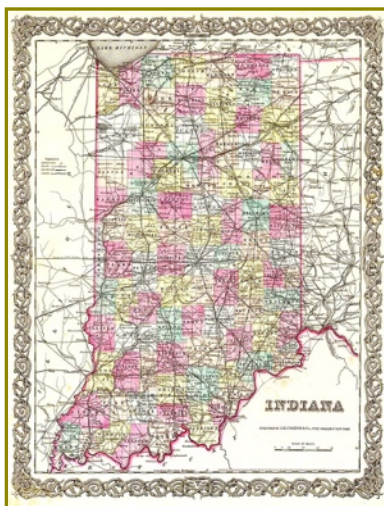
<http://cdm16066.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ISLdigitalcollections>

Your gateway to genealogy documents, maps, photographs, letters and papers, and oral histories.

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center

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

FREE databases (click on 'databases' button) to search: "Allen County, Indiana, Resources," "Indiana Resources," "Family Resources," "Community Album," "Family Bible Records," "Genealogy Center Surname File," "Native American Gateway," "Our Military Heritage," and "African American Gateway."



Indiana Genealogy

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

Indiana Historical Society

<http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections#.WHXNurYrLdQ>

65,000 digital images are available online representing 61 collections.

Indiana African American Genealogy Group

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

IndianaDigitized Newspapers: "Hoosier State Chronicles"

<https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>

This collection contains 118,624 issues comprising 894,651 pages.

Indiana Digitized City Directories

<https://archive.org/search.php?query=Indiana%20city%20directories>

275 digitized directories are available here.

Indiana Memory

<https://digital.library.in.gov/>

Browse this site to find maps, newspapers, photographs, and a wealth of information for your Indiana research.

Linkpendium: Indiana

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

44,592 links to statewide resources and individual counties.

Rootsweb Resources: Indiana

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

Links to genealogical societies in the state and much more.

Genealogy Trails: Indiana

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

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

—Penny Nugent

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