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NO MEETING IN APRIL

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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 32**)

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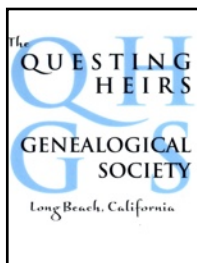
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QHGS Will NOT Meet in April Get Ready for our May DNA Lectures!

AGENDA FOR MAY MEETING

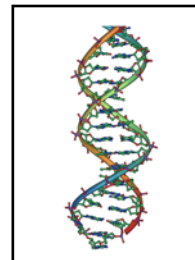
MAY 21, 2017



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.

PREPARE FOR OUR DNA TALK

USEFUL WEBSITES



In preparation for our May meeting, the following websites are “must reads.” One shines a spotlight on ethnicity, two others focus on adoptee brick walls. The best place to begin is with the International Society for Genetic Genealogy at <https://isogg.org/>. Its homepage and Wiki pages contain many helpful links. Read “DNA Testing: Seven Guidelines for Adoptees,” by Richard Hill at *MyHeritage Blog*: <https://blog.myheritage.com/2017/02/dna-testing-seven-guidelines-for-adoptees/>, then link to “DNA’s New ‘Miracle’: How Adoptees are Using Online Registries to Find their Blood Relatives,” at <https://blog.cogn.com/2016/10/14/dnas-new-miracle-how-adoptees-are-using-online-registries-to-find-their-blood-relatives/#more-15529>. Finally, explore “Genealogy and Ethnicity DNA Testing: 3 Legitimate Companies,” on the *DNAeXplained—Genetic Genealogy* blog at <https://dna-explained.com/2016/01/22/genealogy-and-ethnicity-dna-testing-3-legitimate-companies/>.

Local Lectures to Attend About Genealogy and History

ORANGE COUNTY JEWISH GEN SOCIETY

APRIL 23, 2017



“Introduction to Sephardic Genealogy,” presented by renowned teacher, journalist, blogger, and international speaker Schelly Talalay Dardashti on **Sunday, April 23, at 1:30 p.m.** at Temple Bat Yahm, 1011 Camelback St., Newport Beach. Schelly is the founder and administrator of *Tracing the Tribe—Jewish Genealogy on Facebook*. Recent years have seen a welcome increase in the number of resources—online, books, and conferences—focusing on Sephardic and Mizrahi genealogy. This lecture will help you find your Sephardic roots. If you have traced your Spanish and/or Portuguese family back to the Iberian Peninsula, you may find Sephardic ancestors in your lineage. A downloadable pdf of online links compiled by Schelly is available at <http://www.iajgs.org/jgscv/pdf/Resources%20Online%20for%20Sephardic%20Genealogy.pdf>. In addition to the Facebook group mentioned above, you may also be interested in the following websites: <http://www.sephardicgen.com/> and <http://www.jewishgen.org/Sephardic/>.

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS

APRIL 29, 2017



Los Angeles was the original wine country of California, leading the state’s wine production for more than a century. In fact, until the 1950s, Los Angeles County was the agricultural center of North America. So what happened? Where did the green go? On **Saturday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m.**, Rachel Surls and Judith Gerber, co-authors of *From Cows to Concrete*, will discuss the rise and fall of farming in Los Angeles at the Los Cerritos Rancho, 4600 Virginia Road, Long Beach. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students with a valid ID. This lecture is part of the “Foodways of the West: Southern California’s Land Use” series. For more information about this lecture, go to <http://www.rancholoscerritos.org/things-to-do-hub/special-events-hub/lectures-and-performances/>. For more information about *From Cows to Concrete: The Rise and Fall of Farming in Los Angeles*, go to <https://www.angelcitypress.com/products/c2co>.

FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

February Income
\$155.00

February Expenses
\$30.22

F & M Bank Balance
\$5,616.63

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

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

There Will Be NO MEETING IN APRIL

Many thanks
to our
March Hosts
Penny NUGENT,
Carroll OHLINDER,
Cathy ROCKIKI,
and
Linda RYAN

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance
at our
March meeting: 46

**A Warm Welcome
to new member
Barbara K. Cooper,
returning member
Polly Johnson,
and to our guests!**

Online Learning Opportunities

WEBINARS TO WATCH

Minnesota Genealogical Society

“Documenting Your Family Heirlooms,” presented by Jennifer Alford on **Wednesday, April 5, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2843781651983324163>.

Illinois Genealogical Society

“Tracing Slave and Slaveowner Ancestors with DNA and Genealogy,” presented by Nicka Smith on **Tuesday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. In this session, learn how to combine traditional genealogy and DNA research to confirm or deny slave, slaveholder, and ancestral ties to one of history’s most peculiar institutions. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/878957669916352771>.

Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebsinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between April 5 and April 28**: “Preserve, Share, and Search Your Digital Pictures with Google Photos,” “Trello for Genealogists,” “Complete Photo Restoration in 4 Easy Steps,” “Genealogy in Government Documents,” “Effective Use of Land Records,” “Finding and Using Land Ownership Maps,” and “Researching Criminal Records.”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following **webinars which will be presented on April 1 and April 19**: “Finding Scottish Ancestors Online” and “So Many Historic Books: How Can I Find My People?”

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Postmasters, Carriers and Railway Clerks: Genealogy Records of the USPS” by Michael Strauss on **Tuesday, April 18, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Was your ancestor a mail carrier or a postmaster? Many details about family members who worked with the postal system are available to researchers nationwide. Learn to conduct primary research at the National Archives. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1157312233397517825>.

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. Once you find the 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. The FHL recommends 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.

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

April 2017 Schedule:

- 3 Overview of FamilySearch.org
- 4 British Case Study
- 4 Starting with Family Tree: Navigating, Adding a Person, Standardizing, Views, Printing
- 11 What’s New at FamilySearch.org
- 11 Starting Chinese Genealogy
- 11 Exploring Death Notices in Norway
- 12 Tracing Ancestry in Scotland’s Heritable (Land) Records
- 12 Marriage Customs and Records in Sweden
- 12 Using the Online Pennsylvania Archives
- 13 Scottish Naming Customs
- 18 Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch’s Historical Records
- 19 Beginning Finnish Research: A Case Study
- 20 Starting Family Tree: Research Help and Searching Records
- 21 How to Trace Scotland’s Poor
- 25 FamilySearch Wiki
- 25 Genetic genealogy: An Introduction to DNA
- 26 New York City Passenger Arrivals
- 27 Your British/Irish Research Questions Answered

Local Learning Opportunities

DNA DAY FREE MINI SEMINAR

Ventura County Genealogical Society

Kathy Johnston will present two lectures at a **FREE** mini seminar on **Saturday, April 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, at the Camarillo Library Community Room, 4101 Las Posas Road, Camarillo.

DNA Uses in Pedigree Building:

Learn about the different types of DNA and which direct-to-consumer test companies will be most helpful to you. Maybe you have had your DNA done and don't know where to go next; maybe you are thinking about having your DNA done and don't know how it will benefit your research. If so, this session is for you. Find out how to navigate the maze of information that is out there. Discover how to use DNA to break through brick walls. Learn how to test a hypothesis, i.e. how to rule in or rule out a family story using DNA. Kathy will use stories and examples to guide you on your DNA journey.

Autosomal and X Chromosome Segments in Common:

Have you ever wondered where those DNA matching segments come from? Why is the basic science important in genealogy? Kathy will explain the practical uses of DNA segments found among your cousins and close family matches. Learn how to interpret segment matches in a browser. Hear stories about how DNA segments in common can be used to determine who your half-sibling and your biological parents are. Learn the importance of the X chromosome and how it can be used to eliminate ancestors in your family tree. We guarantee you will be fascinated with the science of DNA.

Kathy Johnston is a retired dermatologist who has been actively researching her family tree for over 25 years. She is one of the administrators for the Southern California Genealogical Society DNA Interest Group and has been involved in developing techniques for chromosome mapping for genetic genealogists. When she is not home in Palos Verdes, California working on her hobby, she is volunteering at the local county hospital or traveling with husband, Matt. They are the proud parents of four children and five grandchildren.

More information: <http://venturacogensoc.org/eventListings.php?nm=349>.

SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Corona Genealogical Society

"What DNA analysis tells us about Most Recent Common Ancestors," presented by Dr. Stephen Baird on **Monday, April 3, 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

"Were my Grandparents Really Related? Looking at Marriage Dispensations in Northern Mexico," by Viola Rodriguez Sadler on **Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.** at the Orange Family History Center, 674 S. Yorba St., Orange.

South Orange County Genealogical Society

"Diseases that Ravaged our Ancestors" by Dr. Stephen Baird on **Saturday, April 15, 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

"My Heritage Website Explained," by Christine Johns Cohen on **Saturday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m. to be followed at 1:00 p.m.** by Erin Fletcher Singley presenting "Whittier Public Library History Room Genealogical Resources," at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society

"How to Publish Your Family History and Genealogy," presented by Barbara Warren on **Tuesday, April 18, 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

"The Case of the Wrong Headstone," presented by Gregory C. Beckman on **Wednesday, April 19, 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

South Bay Cities Genealogical Society

"Tuning Up for a Research Road Trip," by Charlotte M. Bocageon **Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.** at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

Genealogy Humor

Mary Harrell-Sesniak is a genealogist, author, and editor with a strong technology background. In this guest blog post, Mary presents 101 of the funniest, quirkiest, or most touching sayings about genealogy that she's encountered in her career as a family historian. Here are just a few sayings from her collection. If you want to read her complete post, go to <https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-humor-101-funny-quotes-sayings-for-genealogists.html>.



You know you're a genealogist if the top item on your Christmas wish list is a genealogy subscription for ancestry.com or fold3!

You know you're a genealogist if your email contact list contains more distant cousins than immediate family.

You know you're a genealogist if you've ever tried to inspire the next generation by whispering in a newborn's ear, "Genealogy is fun."

You know you're a genealogist if you evaluate the surnames of acquaintances (along with complete strangers) to see how they might be related.

You know you're a genealogist if you know all the maiden names of all your female friends—and if you don't, you surreptitiously try to discover them.

You know you're a genealogist if you secretly celebrate a forebear's birthday.

You know you're a genealogist if the highlight of your last trip was a cemetery visit.

You know you're a genealogist if no family member is ever treated as a black sheep (everyone is welcome).

You know you're a genealogist if you realize your collection of DNA results is more important than your nick knacks.

You know you're a genealogist if you immediately understand these abbreviations: BC, DC, MC and VR. Answer the first associated words that come to mind: Ellis, family and vital. If you answered Island, history and record, you know you've become a genealogist.

You might be a genealogist if you think family history is an ancestral game of hide and seek.

You might be a genealogist if dead people are more interesting to you than the living.

You might be a genealogist if you love living in the past lane.

You might be a genealogist if the phrase "relatively speaking" holds a truly unique meaning.

You know you're a genealogist if a scanner and archival storage containers are more exciting gifts than jewelry (female) or football tickets (male).

You know you're a genealogist if you know what inst. and ult. stand for.

You know you're a genealogist if you've ever repurposed your dining room table, and panic at anyone going near it.

You know you're a genealogist if your vacation bucket list includes Fort Wayne, Salt Lake City, and Washington, D.C. (hopefully all in the same year).

You know your friend is not a genealogist if he/she doesn't understand why these are top vacation destinations.

You know you're a genealogist if there is a courthouse programmed into your GPS.

You know you're a genealogist if you've ever had your photo taken in front of a tombstone and you were actually smiling!

You know you're a genealogist if you know more about the past than the present.

You know you're a genealogist if you know what a GEDCOM and an ahnentafel are.

You know you're a genealogist if you have no problem substituting your great great grandmother's maiden name for your mother's (in answer to a security question).

You know you're a genealogist if you can name the county for most major cities in the United States!

If you think your family is normal, you probably aren't a genealogist!

State Spotlight: Research in Michigan

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

Michigan GenWeb Project

<http://www.migenweb.net/>

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

Michigan: FamilySearch WIKI

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

Michigan: Online Genealogy Records

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

A nicely arranged list of links.

Seeking Michigan

<http://seekingmichigan.org/>

Seeking Michigan is the online platform for the Michigan Historical Center. It includes Archives of Michigan research guides and indexes, a blog, and educator resources – all from the Michigan Historical Center and Archives of Michigan staff. What is available online?

- Michigan Death Records 1897–1920
- State Censuses
- Plat Maps
- Films
- Oral histories
- Maps
- Sheet Music of Michigan
- WPA Property Inventories
- Main Streets
- Civil War Records, Photos, and Manuscripts



Michigan Genealogy

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

Polish Genealogy in Michigan

<http://www.mipolonia.net/>

African American Genealogy in Michigan

http://www.genealogycenter.info/africanamerican/results_afram.php?subject=MI

Michigan Digitized Newspapers:

<https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/Pages/Michigan-Digital-Newspaper-Portal.aspx>

This collection contains 23,427 issues comprising 239,665 pages.

Wayne County Digitized City Directories

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home/usa/mi/wayne>

Over 100 digitized directories are available here.

Michigan Local Historical Societies

<http://www.hsmichigan.org/resources/local-historical-organizations/>

Links to more than 750 historical societies in Michigan.

Linkpendium: Michigan

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

40,065 links to statewide resources and individual counties.

Rootsweb Resources: Michigan

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

Links to genealogical societies in the state and much more.

Kalamazoo County Michigan

<http://kalamazoogenealogy.org/default.htm>

Western Michigan Genealogical Society Links

<http://www.wmgs.org/links.htm>

Native Americans in Michigan

<http://www.mfhn.com/native/MainPage.ashx>

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