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QHGS Meeting on Sunday, July 16

Our Featured Speaker Will Be

Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA

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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 56**)

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“Land of the Farm, Home of the Plow”
“Who is That? ‘Strangers’ in the Family Tree”

MEETING AGENDA

JULY 16, 2017



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

JEAN WILCOX HIBBEN



Starting at 1:15 p.m., Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA will present “**America: Land of the Farm, Home of the Plow.**”

Genealogists frequently use the phrase, “My ancestors were JUST farmers.” Just farmers? Then they were the necessary part of the population so everyone else could survive! Learn about the farming occupation along with how to locate records of these important people; understand the vital role of your farmer forefather (and foremother . . . and all the forechildren!). After our break, Jean will present “**Who is That? Why Your Ancestor Associated with Apparent Strangers.**” While doing family research, it is not uncommon to find your ancestor sharing a household with apparent non-family members or buried with a family of a different surname. Sometimes “odd” names will appear as witnesses or testifiers on your ancestors’ legal documents or vice versa. These “unknowns” bear examination: they may give clues to other members of your tree.

Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA, former Southern California college speech professor (MA – Speech Communication; PhD – Folklore) is a national speaker and author. She is the former director and current staff trainer for the Corona, California Family History Center, has worked on background research for two genealogy television programs, and hosts podcasts with Gena Philibert-Ortega, promoting their joint venture GenealogyJourneys® (<http://genaandjean.blogspot.com/>). With almost 40 years of research experience, Jean is a former board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and currently is President of its Southern California Chapter. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, Western Region; Representative of the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors; and President of the Corona Genealogical Society. Learn more about Jean’s many projects, activities, and speaking engagements at her website: <http://circlemending.org/>.

Living History: Frémonts at the Rancho Drum Barracks: The Civil War in California

LOS CERRITOS RANCHO

JULY 15, 2017



The courtyard at Rancho Los Cerritos will be transformed into a *plein air* playhouse on **Saturday, July 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m** when the third **living history performance** is presented. Actors Lane and Karla Burkitt will perform their original play, *John and Jessie*, about the unique partnership of John and Jessie Frémont, a marriage of two strong personalities that succeeded despite a turbulent life in the center of public events. To prepare for this presentation, read “John and Jessie Frémont: An American Power Couple,” by Mark McLaughlin in the *Tahoe Weekly*. Part one is at <http://thetahoeweekly.com/2016/09/john-jessie-fremont-american-power-couple/>, and part two is at <http://thetahoeweekly.com/2016/09/john-jessie-fremont-western-power-couple-part-ii/>. Tickets to each *History Comes Alive* performance cost \$25 per person and can be purchased online. For more information call (562) 206-2040 or go to the Rancho’s website at <http://www.rancholoscerritos.org/things-to-do-hub/special-events-hub/lectures-and-performances/>.

DRUM BARRACKS EXHIBITION

CIVIL WAR CALIFORNIA



A special exhibit, “**Catalina Outpost: Military Possession of Catalina Island, January to September 1864,**” will be on display through October 2017 at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, North Exhibition Hall, 1052 N. Banning Blvd., Wilmington. Using maps, photographs, paintings and official reports, this exhibition looks at the role Catalina played in the Civil War and the controversial reasons behind the Army’s decision to take possession of the island in 1864. Wikipedia also tells us that, “the barracks that the Army built on the isthmus were later used to house visiting film crews in the 1920s and 1930s, a contingent of the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, and, in 1951, they became the home of the Isthmus Yacht Club.” For more information about the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum and Library visit <http://www.drumbarracks.org/index.php/en/> or call (310) 548-7509. Public tours are available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday for a requested \$5 donation per person, children under 12 are free.

FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers
Treasurer
May Income
\$126.91
May Expenses
\$200.00
F & M Bank Balance
\$5,171.23
of which \$1,724.23
is restricted to
educational expenses

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth
Refreshment Chair

July Hosts
will be
**Sandy
Hollandsworth
Sandy McDonald
Janice Miller
and
Rita Rivera**
Many thanks
to our
June Hosts:
the
QHGS
Executive
Board

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cynthia Day-Elliott
2nd Vice President
Attendance
at our
June meeting: 25

Online Learning Opportunities

WEBINARS TO WATCH

Illinois Genealogical Society

“The Watchfires of a Hundred Circling Camps,” presented by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG on **Tuesday, July 11, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Few events have divided and shattered our nation like our own “War of the Rebellion.” Though it’s impossible to cover the entire war in one presentation, we will learn of the records available to us in searching for our ancestors. When a pension file arrived in the mail, it opened up a whole new side to a man we had only known as Asbury Moore. Join us in this case study that shows we only had a small piece of his life story. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6586254248864499459>.

Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreeweinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between July 5 and July 26**: “Censational Census Strategies,” “Google Books: the tool you should use every day!,” “Tips for Snapping Pics: How to Take Perfect Family Photographs,” “Analyzing Documents Sparks Ideas for Further Research,” “The Firelands, The Connecticut Western Reserve, and the Ohio Territory,” and “Family History Adhesive: The Science of Why History Binds Families and the Simple Tech of How to Do It.”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinar: “The Early Religious Experience in America: Theology Behind the Records,” presented by Dr. Michael D. Lacopo, DVM on **Wednesday, July 19, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Finding Online Resources from Lineage Societies,” presented by Elizabeth O’Neal on **Tuesday, July 18, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. From the databases of the DAR to simple lists of pioneers and soldiers, this class will show you what gems are available online and where to find them. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7132402566148077570>.

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.

July 2017 Schedule:

- 3 Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively
- 5 Ask Your United States Research Question
- 6 Searching for Place Name Information in the Online Meyers German Gazetteer
- 6 Calendar Changes in German, Dutch, and French Research
- 6 British Case Study
- 11 Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch’s Historical Records
- 11 Irish Research: Importance and Use of Census Substitutes
- 11 Denmark, Norway, and Sweden in the FamilySearch Wiki
- 12 Tracing Your British Ancestry Online via Ancestry.co.uk
- 13 United States Naturalization Records
- 17 The Joy of Ancestral Discoveries Before England’s Civil Registration Using FamilySearch
- 17 Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively
- 20 Starting Family Tree: Open Questions and Answers
- 20 Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Online via Scotlandspeople
- 25 Danish Tax Records
- 27 Planning and Implementing a Research Trip

Research tip: What do you do when your ancestors move to an area unfamiliar to you? Use the **FamilySearch WIKI** to find genealogy sources and information about their new home!

Local Learning Opportunities

2017 BRITISH INSTITUTE CLASSES

Who: Maurice Gleeson, MB; Amy Harris, PhD AG; Fiona Fitzsimons, BA MA; and Bruce Durie, PhD QG.

What: International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

When: September 18 – 22

Where: Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

Learn from experts:

The Institute strives to further your education about the records and the locations that are important to your genealogical research. Classes are intentionally small in order for the participants to experience individual instruction.

All classes are held in a Salt Lake City hotel near the Family History Library in the morning with research at the Family History Library in the afternoons. Each attendee will receive one 20-minute consultation with the instructor.

On Sunday evening there will be an informal get-together to receive name tags and syllabus materials.

On Monday evening there will be a welcome dinner and the opportunity to meet and get to know the attendees and instructors. Dinner is included in the registration fee; meals are available for spouses and guests for an additional fee.

The following courses are being offered:

Click on a course title below to get a more detailed description of the content of that course:

[DNA as a Genealogical Tool](#) – Maurice Gleeson, MB

[English Genealogical Research before 1837](#) – Amy Harris, PhD, AG

[Finding Irish Ancestors before the Great Famine](#) – Fiona Fitzsimons, BA, MA

[Scottish Family History Research: Where and How to Find the Real Records](#) – Bruce Durie, PhD, QG

Course Fees:

\$430 – General registration (1 April 2017 - 31 August 2017)

\$495 – Late Registration (1 September - 10 September 2017)

Go to <https://isbgfh.org/cpage.php?pt=56> for more information about the ISBGFH.

SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Orange County California Genealogical Society

“Organizing and Digitizing your Family Photos” and “Finding Vital Records in the land of Saints and Scholars,” by Sara Cochran on **Saturday, July 1, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

Corona Genealogical Society

“Finding Your Family in Newspaper Records,” presented by Sara Cochran on **Monday, July 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

“Library Services to the Hispanic Community,” by Lizeth Ramirez Archivist/Reference Librarian Orange Public Library & History Center on **Saturday, July 8, 10:00 a.m.** at the Orange Family History Center, 674 S. Yorba St., Orange.

South Orange County Genealogical Society

“Utilizing the Digital Public Library of America and the HathiTrust for Family History Research,” by Coleen Greene on **Saturday, July 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the LDS Church Building, 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

Genealogy Garage

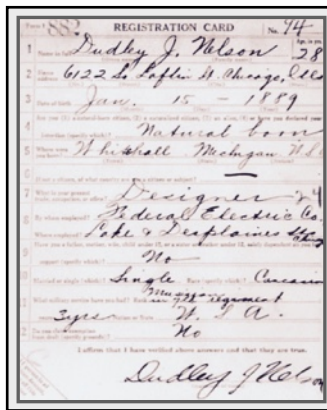
“Find Your German Roots at the Los Angeles Public Library,” by John P. Schmal. John will answer your questions and review reference materials that contain German genealogical material, demonstrating how you can locate the information you need. Attend this lecture on **Saturday, July 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the LAPL in the History and Genealogy Dept., Lower Level 4, 630 W. 5th St., Los Angeles.

Genealogical Society of North Orange County

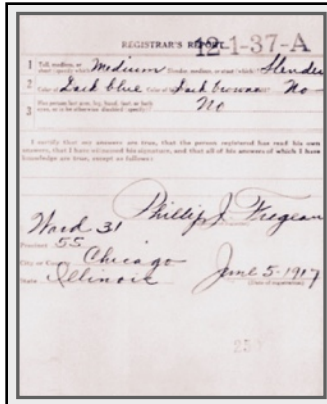
July Seminar: Thomas MacEntee on **Saturday, July 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center, 16881 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda. Information: <http://www.gsnocc.org/2017-seminar.html>.

Genealogical Information on a Draft Registration Card

Your newsletter editor stumbled across three individual pages of WWI photos and drawings on the New York Public Library Digital Collections website while searching for WWI illustrations to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the June 5, 1917 draft. These drawings had been done by someone named Dudley J. Nelson, and it looked like the pages might have belonged to a memory album/scrapbook made by a soldier fighting in France. After quite a bit of sleuthing, your editor discovered that they were actually part of a privately printed book that documented the 132nd Illinois Infantry—a book that has been digitized by *Internet Archive!* Intrigued, she pursued her search for the unknown artist whose sketches and sense of graphic design brought his WWI experiences to life. Locating Dudley John Nelson's WWI draft card was the first step, so let's see what was learned from that card: at age 28, Dudley was not a young man when he registered; born on January 15, 1889, in Whitehall, Michigan, he was single, living in Chicago, Illinois, and working for the Federal Electric Company as a designer; he had previous military experience in the 7th Regiment where he had been a musician for three years; and, he was of medium height and slender, with dark blue eyes and dark brown hair. Those bare facts engendered



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questions that led to many discoveries about Dudley's life. U. S. Census records provided information about his family: his parents had been born in Sweden, and he had six brothers and sisters. Googling "Federal Electric Company" revealed that it produced store signs lit by incandescent lamps before the days of neon advertising. Since Dudley was a designer for the company, he may have designed fonts for letters on the signs. After the war ended, he lived with relatives in Chicago for awhile, but returned to Whitehall, Michigan, shortly after 1920 to care for his parents. In 1926 he advertised his skills in the *Montague Observer*, "Signs and lettering of all kinds. Dudley J. Nelson. Whitehall, Mich. Box 343." Later in life, Dudley worked for Whitehall Metal Studios (which is still in business today) in the art department designing signs for the company. He was also a participant in every holiday parade, marching with the American Legion Algot Johnson Post band. Sadly, no newspaper clipping mentions which instrument he played. Dudley passed away at age 82 on 13 April 1971 in Whitehall. He is buried in Oakhurst Cemetery with his parents and all of his brothers and sisters. Although we have no photos of Dudley, we have his drawings of fellow soldiers—the men he immortalized 100 years ago. —Penny Nugent



Dudley J. Nelson: “Doughboy” Artist



The pages above come from *33rd Division: Across No-Man's Land*, a book chronicling the 132nd Illinois infantry during World War One. Photographed by Barnett W. Harris with illustrations, hand-lettered text, and decorative borders by Dudley John Nelson, this 96-page volume was engraved, printed and bound by R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., at Chicago, Ill. You can view the entire book at <https://archive.org/stream/33rddivisionacro00harr#page/n3/mode/2up>. If you enjoy listening to podcasts, the BBC has an extensive archive of WWI material at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02sx794/episodes/downloads>. If you are interested in the cultural history of WWI and how it affected those on the home front, “World War One at Home” at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03w7h8h/episodes/downloads> will interest you. For the veterans’ perspective, listen to “Voices of the First World War,” at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03t7p9l/episodes/downloads>.

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