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## QHGS Meeting on Sunday, September 17 Our Featured Speakers Will Be Lisa Schumacher and Shirley Siems Terry



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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 72**)

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

Individual: \$25.00  
Family: \$37.50  
Life (Individual): \$600.00  
Life (Family): \$900.00

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“1890 Census Substitutes”  
and  
“A Half Century of Changing Research Methods”

**ABOUT  
OUR SPEAKER**

**LISA SCHUMACHER**



**Our meeting begins at 1:15 p.m.** Lisa Schumacher will present her lecture “1890 Census Substitutes.” Family history researchers rely heavily on Census records from 1790 to 1940. However most of the 1890 census is not available. What happened and what can be done to fill in the 1880-1900 gap? Learn about other resources that can provide information for this time period. Lisa Schumacher is a recently retired I.S. Management Consultant. She started working on her family history 35 years ago with an interest in computer programs and gadgets that can be used in genealogical research. She is a professional genealogist and lecturer and was a volunteer, instructor and staff supervisor at the Los Angeles Family History Center. Lisa is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Mayflower Society, Daughter of the American Revolution and has been on the board of the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society in various positions for 18 years, including President, Program Chairman, organizing and participating in society events such as Dessert with our Ancestors.

**ABOUT  
OUR SPEAKER**

**SHIRLEY SIEMS TERRY**



QHGS member Shirley Siems Terry has definitely “been there and done that,” and will share tips and stories about her research. She has been researching since 1966 b.c. (before computers) Since then, she has moved thirty-one times, living in six states plus England and Canada, so has been able to visit dozens of large genealogical and historical society libraries. She’s researched in county courthouses, traipsed cemeteries, recorded oral histories of her grandparents, been through five genealogical programs and is now tackling DNA research. Shirley served five stints as president of three different genealogical societies between 1977 and 1995. She taught two six-week genealogy courses in a New Jersey adult education program. At one point she was a member of a dozen genealogical societies including NGS and FGS and had many articles published. She attended several NGS and Texas genealogical conferences where she won a couple of writing awards. Upon her husband’s retirement in 1997, he joined the research and they took long RV trips visiting 26 cemeteries in three states on one trip. Shirley then up-loaded over 500 photos to FindaGrave.com.

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and  
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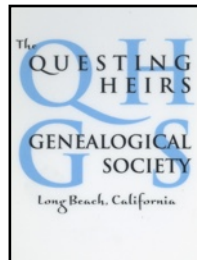
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MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL

**TIME TO RENEW**



It's that time again, QHGS members—time to renew your membership! Use the handy renewal form on page 71, and bring it to our September meeting or mail it with your check to our post office box: QHGS, P. O. Box 15102, Long Beach, CA, 90815- 0102. Please fill out the information requested about surnames, families you are researching, and areas of interest you have. This allows our program chairman to plan the kinds of lectures you want to hear and helps others in our society contact people researching in the same towns, states, and areas. Your membership helps to pay the rent at our meeting place and fund our speakers' presentations. An individual membership is only \$25 for a whole year of fellowship and fun with people whose eyes *don't* glaze over when you talk about your genealogical discoveries! We invite you to do something extra for your society by choosing one of the special categories of membership—you can become a “Sustaining” individual patron for only \$50. Please renew today!!

**FINANCE  
REPORT**

Mike Powers

July Income

\$364.47

July Expenses

\$1250.07

F & M Bank Balance

\$3.676.68

of which \$1,574.06  
is restricted to  
educational expenses

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**REFRESHMENT  
REPORT**

Sandy Hollandsworth

**September Hosts**

will be

**reminded**

**by a phone call**

A BIG

Thank You

to our

August Hosts

Barbara COOPER,

Jeanette JONES,

Sandy MCDONALD,

and

Linda RYAN

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**MEMBERSHIP  
REPORT**

Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance

at our

August meeting: 32

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**Warm Welcome**

**to our**

**seven**

**guests!**

## Local Learning Opportunities



### It's time! Register for the VCGS 2017 Annual Seminar in Camarillo

**Registration is open! VCGS annual seminars are always full of education, shopping, and fun.** Be sure to mark your calendars now and set aside that date for an exciting genealogical adventure!

When: Saturday, October 21, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Camarillo Public Library Community Room, 4101 E. Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA.

Early-Bird Discount: Space is limited...register by October 1, 2017.

Pickup a registration form at any of our monthly presentations.

or...on our website's seminar page: <https://venturacogensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=329>  
Register and pay online with PayPal. NOTE: You don't need a PayPal account; your personal credit/debit card can be used. Go to: <https://venturacogensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=360>

or...

Register by mail use the registration form our website's seminar page and send with a check:  
[https://venturacogensoc.org/upload/menu/2017\\_Seminar\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](https://venturacogensoc.org/upload/menu/2017_Seminar_Registration_Form.pdf)

Attendees can look forward to strengthening their research abilities no matter their skill level or area of interest. An incredible learning opportunity as well as a chance to meet others who share their passion. Whether you are beginning your genealogy adventure or have been at it for decades, VCGS welcomes all. Don't miss your chance to join the society for a fun-filled informative experience in Camarillo!

#### Seminar Highlights

##### Speaker

Paula Stuart-Warren, CCM, FMGS, FUGA

Paula is an internationally recognized genealogical educator, researcher, and consultant focusing on unusual resources, manuscripts, methodology, and analyzing records. She also specializes in Native American research, the WPA, and railroad records. She spends extensive research time at state archives, historical societies, and at various locations of the National Archives. She is a long-time course coordinator and instructor for SLIG and GRIP and for Ancestry Academy and has presented seminars all across the U.S. and in Canada.

##### Seminar Sessions

The program includes a full day of four sessions. Attendees of all skill levels will find new ways to uncover more about their family history.

## Local Learning Opportunities

### South Orange County Ca. Genealogical Society

Mission Viejo, California

Presents

### A Family History Seminar

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Doors Open 8:00 a.m.)

City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive, Corner La Paz & Marguerite - Mission Viejo

### "Genealogy Treasures in Our Nation's Archives"

Featuring



**JOHN COLLETTA**

Lecturer, Author, and Teacher - including Podcast appearances!

#### Topics

"The Library of Congress - An Intro and Overview"

"Immigration to America - Colonial Times to WW II"

(Where Do Your Immigrating Ancestors Fit in?)

"Finding (Overseas) Towns of Origin: With U.S. Sources"

"Using 19<sup>th</sup> Century Newspapers for Family History"

Refreshments - Opportunity Drawings for Gifts -

Ancestry Subscription Drawing - Sales Tables and Displays

Pre-registration must be received by October 18th / Tickets will be \$35 at the door!

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#### SOC CGS '2017' Seminar Registration

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Member Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00  
Non-Member Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Box Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: SOCCGS, P.O. Box 4513  
Mission Viejo, CA 92690-4513

Information: (949) 492-9408 or at  
<http://www.socccgs.org>

# Living History Opportunity

## BATTLE OF DOMINGUEZ HILL

Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum  
Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum 18127 Alameda St, Compton, CA 90220

Commemorate the historic battle that was fought on the property of the Dominguez Rancho:  
The Battle of Dominguez Hills also known as the Battle of the Old Woman's Gun.

In this event you will be able to experience the reenactment of the battle and many aspects of life during the 1800s.

Admission is Free!!

Saturday October 7th, 2017 from 10am to 4pm  
and  
Sunday October 8th, 2017 from 10am to 4pm

More Information:

[http://dominguezrancho.org/event/battle-of-dominguez-hill/?instance\\_id=4500](http://dominguezrancho.org/event/battle-of-dominguez-hill/?instance_id=4500)



Wikipedia tells us that, “The Battle of Dominguez Rancho or The Battle of the Old Woman's Gun (October 8, 1846) was a military engagement of the Mexican-American War. The battle took place within Manuel Dominguez's 75,000-acre Rancho San Pedro. Mervine's march was poorly planned with little knowledge of the enemy. His troops were armed with an assortment of muskets, cutlasses and pikes; they brought no horses, wagons or cannons. When the Americans had occupied Los Angeles in August, residents had hidden some weapons by burying them. General José Flores' force, equipped with lances, knives and old firearms that had been hidden, was nearly as poorly armed, but it did have a cannon. This old brass four-pounder, used ceremonially, had been buried in the garden of Inocencia Reyes. It was dug up and mounted on a horse-drawn limber. Mervine and his troops set out on October 7 and reached Dominguez Rancho, where they camped for the night, within view of an advance detachment of Flores' troops. There was more or less firing during the night, with no other effect than that of keeping Mervine's party on the alert. Setting off at daylight, the Americans advanced just to the north of Dominguez Rancho. Señora Reyes' four-pounder was placed on the narrow trail that the Americans needed to use. Ropes were lashed to the limber to pull the gun into the brush for reloading. The California horsemen deployed at a safe distance from the trail on the enemy's flanks. The simple tactics proved effective. When the Americans came within 400 yards, the cannon was fired and quickly pulled back into the brush, followed by musket fire from the horsemen. Mervine's forces were helpless on foot against an enemy they could neither see nor count. Realizing they could not reach Los Angeles, Mervine had little choice except to retreat. The battle lasted less than an hour; five hours later Mervine's forces were back on their ship in San Pedro Bay. Four of the seriously wounded Americans died and were buried on a little island in San Pedro Bay called Isla de los Muertos. Mervine's troops reboarded the *Savannah*, and after a few days, the warship sailed north toward Monterey.”

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

**MAIL THIS RENEWAL FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:  
QHGS P.O. BOX 15102 LONG BEACH CA 90815-0102**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: **Individual (\$25)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Family (\$37.50)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sustaining (\$50)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**We invite you to do something extra for your society  
by choosing one of the special categories of membership**

**The membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st.**

Please notify the Membership Chair, Kathy Latham, at [kat22lat@gmail.com](mailto:kat22lat@gmail.com) or (562) 422-7645,  
if you change your mailing address, your telephone number or your e-mail address. Thank you.

**Please take a few minutes to update your surname research and  
location preferences so our Program Chairman can engage  
speakers who will interest you in 2017.**

Surnames you are researching: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of your research (countries/states/counties): \_\_\_\_\_

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FSC stands for FamilySearch Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. FSCs are open and free of charge to members of the general public interested in doing genealogical research. Information about the **Los Angeles FSC** is available at [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Los\\_Angeles\\_FamilySearch\\_Library](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Los_Angeles_FamilySearch_Library). Local FSCs are in **Long Beach** at 3701 Elm Avenue in Bixby Knolls, phone (562) 988-0509; **Los Alamitos**, (714) 821-6914; and **Cerritos**, phone (562) 924-3676. Call before you visit as their hours may change from time to time.

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