

TO: All Members of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society (EDHGS)

SUBJECT: Approved Minutes of the EDHGS Meeting of July 9, 2019

President Afton Tuveson convened the meeting at 6:03 PM in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Library.

After a brief welcome by Afton, she introduced our guest speaker, Gina Philibert-Ortega, an author, researcher and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. Gina presented information on using manuscript collections, which are a rich source of for research and often ignored by many who are conducting family history research.

Gina started off by explaining the manuscripts are never published and either written by hand or typed. She stated manuscript come in a variety of formats (i.e. business records yearbooks, thesis, letters, author notes, dissertations, diaries, journals, maps, birthday books, autograph books, scrapbooks, court records, diplomas, photo albums, and vital record substitutions). Gina suggested we start searching in libraries (public, private, academic, state, national, genealogical) and archives (government, corporate, academic, historical societies, museums and religious).

Gina suggested we ask ourselves key questions about our ancestor to help with our search. When looking at a catalog look at the special collections, read any instructions and finding aids and try lots of different keywords and subjects. Calling the Reference Librarian and asking key questions is invaluable prior to visiting because there may be restrictions, records may be offsite, policies may restrict your access.

Gina finished her presentation by suggesting we think like a historian and use websites like: WorldCat, ArchiveGrid, FamilySearch Research Wiki, Cyndi's List, Wikipedia, Learning Historical Research and LibGuides Community.

Afton thanked Gina Philibert-Ortega for speaking once again to our society and educating members about manuscript and how to find and use them when compiling our family histories.

A total of twenty-nine attended the meeting. The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed twenty-nine (29) members in attendance: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Bobbi Bennett, John Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Robyn Click, Toni Como, Dennis Cox, Kenneth Dunn, Paul Ferrin, Cathy Grambow, Colleen Harrison, Jim Harrison, Phil Hendricks, Walt Huff, David Hughes, Marcia Kestner, Monique Laughlin, Nancy Lester, Larry McHenry, Karen Parsons, Karen Rain, Judi Reynolds, Ruth Self, Patricia Swanson, Afton Tuveson, Georgia Viersen, and Mike West. There was one (1) guest: Michelle Durkin who was introduced by Marcia Kestner and it was shared that Michelle had joined our society. Michelle was welcomed by Afton.

The Book Bucket was passed around the room while Colleen Allen explained the process to our visitors. Colleen also shared that she would get Trevor Thomas' book selection, "Land & Property Research in America," to him, as he was not present. Colleen stated she is looking forward to it being added to the library's collection of genealogical books.

The June Meeting Minutes were not sent out to members prior to the meeting so will be approved at the August 2019 meeting along with the July Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer Phil Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance on June 1, 2019, was \$8,826.97. In June, receipts totaled \$415.65, disbursements totaled \$239.60, which left an ending balance of \$8,826.97 on June 31, 2019.

Colleen Allen and Ruth Self (Book Committee) reviewed fifty (50) books the Placerville Library was removing from their collections and added half of them to the EDH Library's genealogy section.

Afton reminded members about the request our society received asking us to provide genealogy How-To's at a local family reunion. Trevor Thomas made the presentation to attendees, which they appreciated.

Afton asked Gina Philibert-Ortega to select the Book Bucket winner, which was Colleen Harrison. Colleen Allen will work with the winner to get her selected book purchased.

Afton thanked everyone for coming, reminded members of the July 23 workshop, and welcomed everyone back for next month's meeting on August 12 when Richard Rands will return to speak on "English Civil Registrations" and more.

Afton adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Marcia Kestner, Secretary  
El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society

APPROVED at August 13, 2019 Meeting