

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Due to the Easter holiday, there will be no QHGS meeting in April.

The next QHGS meeting is
Sunday May 19, 2019 at 1:00 pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest Street, in Long Beach California. See the map on the last page.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Dues are \$30 per year for an individual or \$45 per year for a family.

Look for us on the Web:

<http://www.qhgs.info/>

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• APRIL QUOTE •

‘History is who we are and why we are the way we are.’

– David McCullough

• Tintype Photographs •

Last month my Mother shared a tintype photograph of a family member. Decker, shown in this photo, was eight years old when this photo was taken in 1874. What do you know about tintype photographs? I did not know a lot before doing a little research.

Ferrotypes photographs, know commonly as tintypes were made from a thin sheet of iron. They can be easily identified by using a magnet. They were made by creating a direct positive on the tin and then coated with a dark lacquer or enamel. They are not produced from a negative so the photograph is a mirror image or reversed. They are often very dark and poor quality compared to other methods.

Most images are small and about two by three inches in size. They were more durable than daguerreotypes that were introduced in 1839.



Tintypes could be carried in a pocket or sent through the mail without damage. In addition, they were fast and inexpensive to produce. From the time the photograph was taken to the time that the customer left with the finished product could be as little ten minutes. Because tintypes were less expensive, people who might not be able to afford a formal portrait could get a tintype photograph. Photographers often traveled the frontier taking tintype photos. They also followed military units during the Civil War allowing soldiers to send tintypes to families back home.

Because these images can deteriorate, you should scan the image and digitally save it as soon as possible. It should also be kept in an acid free envelope for storage to prevent damage.

For more information on the various kinds of photos from the past, read the article 'How to Date Old Ancestor Photographs with Early Photo types' on Genealogy Bank. At <https://blog.genealogybank.com/how-to-date-old-ancestor-photographs-with-early-photo-types.html>

• Two Images from 1886 •



The images shown here are of Ed Daily born in 1865. Both photographs were taken in 1886 using different photographic methods. The card on the left is a 'carte de visite' (CdV). The card on the right is a 'tintype'. Note the differences in these two photos taken in the same year.

Ed Daily started his professional baseball career as a pitcher for the Philadelphia Quakers in 1886. He later started to play in the position an outfielder. During his career he played for the Philadelphia Phillies, Washington Nationals (AKA Washington Statesmen), Columbus Solons, Brooklyn Gladiators, New York Giants, and Louisville Colonels.

'From The New York Public Library' <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47d9-c39d-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99#/?uuiid=510d47d9-c39d-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99> (Tintype)

The A.G. Spalding Baseball Collection, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=6902496> (CdV)

• United States Patent •

The ferrotype image was first patented in the United States by Hamilton Smith. William and Peter Neff were the manufacturers for the tin plates. The United States Patent Office granted patent 14,300 on February 19, 1856 to *H.L. Smith of Gambier, Assignor to Wm. Neff and Peter Neff, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio*. The title of the patent was 'Photographic Pictures on Japanned Surfaces'.

The patent begins: '*The nature of my invention or discovery relates to the taking of positive pictures by the photographic process upon a black japanned surface, prepared upon iron or any other metallic plates or sheets; and it consists in the use of collodion and a solution of salt of silver and an ordinary camera.*' If you would like to read the patent in its entirety use this link: <https://patents.google.com/patent/US14300>



Did You Know?

With the election of 1860, people saw the first campaign buttons of presidential candidates made from a tintype. This is an example of an 1860 campaign button for Abraham Lincoln from the collection of the Library of Congress.

• QHGS President's Message •

Hope you enjoyed the March presentation by David Flint. His presentation was full of information about English research. I especially enjoyed the name game.

Reminder that there is no meeting in April since it is Easter Sunday.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please let me know. You can find my contact information in the member directory.

Christina "Tina" McKillip

• QHGS 50th Anniversary in July! •

Does it seem possible that we will soon be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Questing Heirs Genealogical Society? QHGS has an amazing history and the committee has planned a great 50th celebration. As we get closer to the event, we will reveal more details about the celebration. Look forward to joining us and feast on foods provided by members of the QHGS Board and the 50th Anniversary Committee.

This will be our biggest event this year. The list of items for our raffle is amazing. Proceeds from this event will help support our speakers and other activities. Help us make this a great success!

• Sharing Our Family Stories with the Next Generation •



We don't get much rain in Southern California, but we had hard rains as well as even rarer lightening and really loud thunder one early February morning. When I picked my two youngest grandchildren up from school that day, the first thing 6-year-old Cami said was, "My Great-Great-Grandpa got killed by thunder while sitting on his bed." She also related she had told the story to the lunch lady. (I remembered one really loud clap of thunder at 11:30 and suspect that's what prompted the memory.) I was flabbergasted! I have no idea when I told her the story but am guessing it was on a drive home from school in a thunder storm in 2017 when we had our last heavy rains. She had the gist of the story correct, but it was her 4th Great Grandfather John Schernikau who was struck and killed by lightening in his bed. My Grandmother Siems, who was 15 at the time of his death, told me about her Grandfather's death by lightning.

This was only another "family story" until I found this article on the front page of the "Nebraska State Journal published 23 June 1899. It was found "b.c." (before computers) by searching reels of microfilmed Nebraska newspapers at the Nebraska Historical Society Library

in Lincoln while looking for family obituaries. You can't find everything on the internet.

- QHGS member Shirley Siems Terry

• The Effect of Storytelling •

Family stories and experiences impact how we see ourselves. As we go through life, we can draw upon those stories to overcome challenges.

A study by Dr. Marshall Duke from Emory University recently came to my attention. One of the things that I was most interested in from reading about was the effects of children understanding their family's history. They do better when facing challenges. In an interview with Minneapolis Foundation in 2016 Dr. Marshall Duke said 'The single strongest predictor of children's resilience appears to be knowledge of their family history. The primary source of this knowledge are the stories that are told to them by relatives, parents and (mostly) grandparents.'

There is an interesting short article on the FamilySearch blog entitled 'How Family Stories Shape Our Identities'. This article describes how we can draw strength from knowing stories of our ancestors and how they faced challenges in their life. It can be found at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/family-stories-shape-identities/>



• Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Group Photo •

It has been several years since we took a Questing Heirs group photo. At the May meeting we would like to take a group photo during the break. A photo of the QHGS Board will also be taken.

We hope that you will join in the fun as the photographer tries to get us to look in the same direction and say 'cheese' at the same time. If you are camera shy, please know that participating in the photo is voluntary. We may use the photo on our updated website or another QHGS publication.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott

At the March meeting there were 29 members and 2 guests in attendance.

REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth

May hosts are: Sandy McDonald, Sue Tisdall, Frances Liebzeit and Jerry Hardison



• Saint Patrick's Day •

Our March QHGS meeting fell on Saint Patrick's Day this year. QHGS members Glenn Haas and Frances Liebzeit were in their holiday green. This photo was taken by our President, Tina McKillip. Thank you, Glenn and Frances.

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th. It celebrates Irish culture and is recognized in many countries around the world. Saint Patrick was one of Ireland's patron saints in the fifth century. It is also known as the Feast of Saint Patrick.

Would you like to learn more about this day? See

<https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day>

• Learning Opportunities •

Family Tree Webinars

April 10 – 'Plain Folk Researching Amish and Mennonite Families' with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen.

April 17 – 'Boost Your Germanic Research: Understand Historical Jurisdictions' with Teresa Steinkamp McMillin.

April 26 – 'How I Built My Own Brick Wall' with Rebecca Whitman Koford.

May 1 – 'How to Use Autosomal DNA to Resolve Historical Paternity Cases' with Ugo Perego.

For more information: <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars

April 17 – ‘Tracing Female Ancestors in WWI Military and Non-Combatant Records’ with Debra M. Dudek.

May 4 – ‘British Genealogy Online: The Top English & Welsh Family History Websites’ with Rick Crume.

For more information: <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

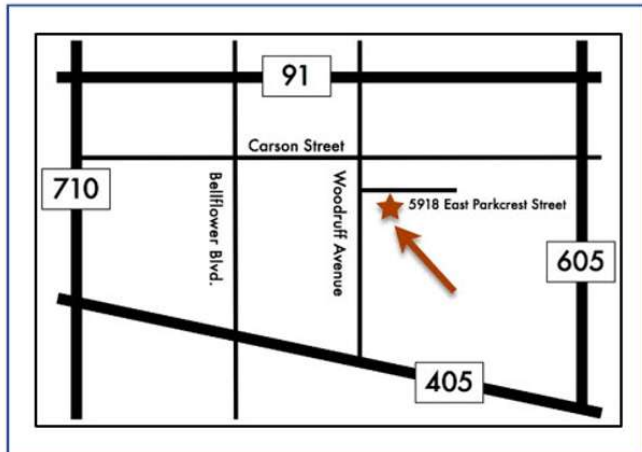
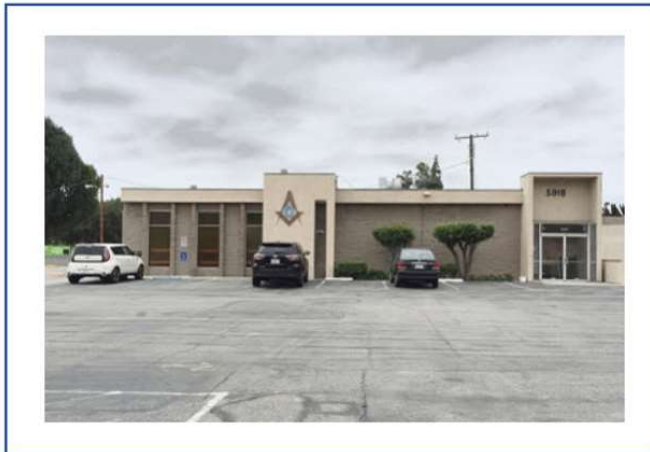
• Conferences and Events •

- ✓ Genealogy Jamboree 2019: May 30 – June 2, 2019, Burbank, California
<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>
For more information see: <https://wagswhittier.org/cpage.php?pt=7>
- ✓ Genealogical Society of North Orange County: A special one day genealogy seminar with Dr. Thomas W. Jones on August 3, 2019. His four presentations are:
 - ‘Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was (Some Reliable and Others Not Reliable)’
 - ‘Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor’
 - ‘The Jones Jinx: Tracing Common Surnames’
 - ‘Solutions for Missing and Scarce Sources’
 For more information see <http://www.gsnocc.org/seminar.html>
- ✓ Orange County FamilySearch Library Family History Expo: Save this date on your calendar - Saturday, October 12, 2019. More information see <http://www.ocfamilyhistory.org/Website/index.html>
- ✓ North San Diego County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar: Saturday, April 27, 2019. Presentations by Carol Rolnick Mary Van Orsdol, Jeanette Shiel, Vernon ‘Casey’ Guantt and Julianne Adamik. For more information see <http://nsdcgs.org/springseminar/>
- ✓ Orange County California Genealogical Society: Save the date, Saturday, March 7, 2020 for ‘A Day with Paul Woodbury’. Details will be available in December 2019 at www.occgcs.com

• Blog Articles to Read This Month •

- ✓ Are You My Cousin blog by Lisa Lisson: ‘How to Research Your Illegitimate Ancestors’
<https://lialisson.com/2017/10/16/how-to-research-your-illegitimate-ancestors/>
- ✓ Family History Daily blog: ‘Can’t Find Great-Great Grandma? Pro Tips for Researching the Women in Your Tree.’ <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/researching-female-ancestors/>
- ✓ Ancestry blog: ‘Ancestry Announces Coveted Content Releases and New, Game-Changing Family History Research Tools at Rootstech 2019’.
<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2019/02/28/ancestry-announces-coveted-content-releases-and-new-game-changing-family-history-research-tools-at-rootstech-2019/>
- ✓ Ancestry blog: ‘When Your Family History Meets Technology.’
<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2019/02/25/when-your-family-history-meets-technology/>





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QHGS Volunteer Positions

- Digital Archivist..... Vacant
- Research/Historian..... Tina Yanis
- Refreshments Sandy Hollandsworth
- Social Media/Facebook Coordinator..... Laurie Angel
- Webmaster John McCoy

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