

# QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

## June QHGS MEETING Sunday, June 17, 2018

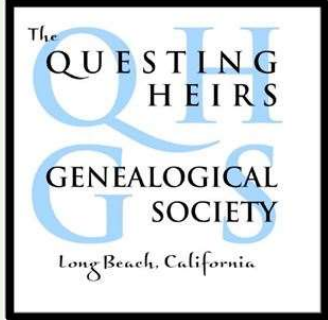
### Annual Ice Cream Social and Members Share Ancestor Memories



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“If you want to understand today,  
 you have to search yesterday.”  
 - Pearl S. Buck



#### Monthly Meetings

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 Street, in Long Beach California. See map on the last page.

#### Membership Levels

Individual: \$25.00  
 Family: \$37.50

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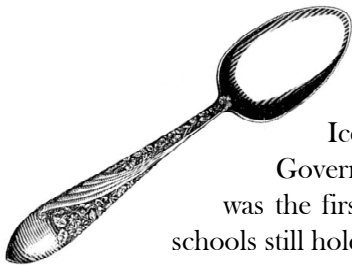
## Our June Meeting - Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 17 is the QHGS Annual Ice Cream Social hosted by the Executive Board. Our meeting is on Father's Day so we'd like members to share something about a male ancestor. If you prefer, you can talk about any memory of your family. Maybe you had a great-grandfather who ran a string of grocery stores, an ancestor that served during a war, a horse thief, or you discovered an unknown sibling through a DNA connection.

What can be better than enjoying ice cream while we listen to our members talk for 5 to 10 minutes about that special person in their family, and how they discovered more about them by doing genealogy research. There's nothing like getting together with friends who share an interest in genealogy. We hope to see you all at the meeting.



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### History of Ice Cream Socials

Ice cream socials date back as far as the 18<sup>th</sup> century in the United States. Maryland Governor Thomas Bladen served ice cream during a dinner party in 1744. Thomas Jefferson was the first President to host an ice cream social in the White House. Today, churches and schools still hold ice cream socials.

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## Ask Your Ancestor - This Month's Question

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William Tayloe was born in 1645. William was the sheriff of Rappahannock Co, Virginia in 1687. He was one of the first judges of Richmond County, which was created from Rappahannock County. He served as a colonel and commander of the militia and he served as a Burgess for Richmond County at various times between 1700 and 1706. In 1704, as commander-in-chief of the county militia, he subdued an uprising of the Indians.

William Tayloe married Anne Corbin in 1685. They had three children: Elizabeth, John and William. Anne Corbin Tayloe died in 1694, the same year her third child was born.

William married a second time between 1695 and 1699. His second wife's name was also Anne. It isn't clear from the records that exist what her maiden name might have been. From this second marriage, there were two children: Anna Catherine, and Mary. William Tayloe died in 1710.

One August morning in 1714 at the Tayloe plantation in Lancaster County, Virginia there was an incident. What followed will perhaps answer questions and clarify family lore from the descendants. There were three female servants - a hired white woman, an enslaved woman and an Indian woman in the house that day. The widow, Anne Tayloe, left the main house and walked toward the plantation office. Anne asked one of the servants to bring her a hoe.

Two of the plantation's house servants looked out the window and could see their mistress holding what looked like a chamber pot with an infant inside it. It was reported that these servants then went out into the yard to see what their mistress had buried. One said it was a "piece of a child", a leg. Gossip of this event eventually made its way to the men in town. Anne Tayloe was then brought to the county courtroom for judgment.

*In 1710, the Virginia Assembly adopted a century-old English statute to punish infanticide after a call from the Governor's Council for a law to prevent the murder of illegitimate children.*

According to the court testimony, there was strong evidence of Anne Tayloe's guilt. There was eye witness testimony from a servant and a slave. Tayloe denied having been pregnant and that she buried a child in the yard. One account tells that she was ultimately released after a short time in jail. According to other records, the next year she was free. Despite being released by the court, her reputation never recovered. The next year, her brother-in-law would bring her before the court again.

In October 1715, Joseph Tayloe complained in Lancaster County, VA court that his brother William Tayloe had died and that William's widow Anne Tayloe, had cohabited with James Burn and they were "vehemently disposed of fornication and incontinency". This was the common description for adultery and relations outside of marriage during that time period. James Burn, a single man, had lived at the Tayloe plantation since William Tayloe's death in 1710.

On November 9, 1715, James Burn was brought before the county court for riding through town on horseback, waving a sword and allowing a great large group of slaves to assemble at his plantation. This was detailed in Lancaster Orders 6, on October 13, 1715. What this the family story about the fine for a disturbance?

By 1716 Anne had married James Burn. Was it a love match and they married after six years of living together? More likely, it was because of the public court allegations, Anne's reputation, and the stigma attached to cohabitation in the early 1700's.

#### Sources for this family's story:

"English Statutes in Virginia 1660-1714" by John R. Pagan, University of Richmond School of Law 2017  
 "Women in Early America: Struggle, Survival, and Freedom in a New World" by Dorothy A. Mays  
 "Maids and Mistresses, Cousins and Queens, Women's Alliances in Early Modern England" Edited by Susan Frye and Karen Robertson  
 "Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography", Under the Editorial Supervision of Lyon Gardiner Tyler

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## Lessons Learned

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1. Be aware of the era that you are researching. What vital records are available for the time period? Sometimes we must step back and pull records from local archives.
2. Don't underestimate the power of a Google internet search.
3. Understand the time period you are researching. Are the laws different than today? Don't be afraid to ask someone else for help. You may know someone who has researched the same geographic area and time period.
4. You can't believe EVERYTHING you see family trees posted online. That said, one or two facts may point you in the right direction on your journey.

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## Ask Your Ancestor - Could This Be Your Italian Ancestor?

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Leonello d' Este was born September 21, 1407 and was the Marquis of Ferrara and Duke of Modena and Reggio Emilia from 1441 to 1450. Leonello's son, Francisco D'Este was born in 1440 in Italy and died in 1476 in

Dover, England. The next five generations of this line were born in England. It appears the last name was changed to when the family moved to England. Francisco's son Nicholas was known by the last name Estes.

Abraham Estes emigrated from Kent, England to Virginia in 1763. From Virginia, the family then migrated to Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Colorado and finally to California.

Only with additional research and verification of sources will we know for certain that this is your family line. There are many attributions and details of this family's history online. This might be a good starting point in your journey to research your Italian Heritage.

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*Question for my Paternal Grandfather Ralph Elvin Estes: why did you think we were Italian? My DNA shows only five percent Italian.*

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## Free Genealogy Websites to Check Out

There are a lot of free websites specifically for genealogy research. Here is a quick reminder of some of the more popular ones.

**WikiTree** • <https://www.wikitree.com/>

WikiTree's mission is to grow an accurate single-family tree that connects us all and is freely available to us all.

**Family Tree Now** • <https://www.familytreenow.com/>

Their mission is to create the best free genealogy site in the world. You can easily look up contemporary relatives. People may opt out from this database so you may not always find current and past addresses.

**Jewish Gen** • <https://www.jewishgen.org>

Jewish Gen is a free genealogy website that features tens of millions of records, research tools, and other resources to help those with Jewish ancestry.

**Steven Morse** • <https://stevemorse.org/>

According to the site, it contains tools for finding immigration records, census records, vital records and for dealing with calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, and number other applications. Some of these tools fetch data from other websites. I've used this web site many times and find it very helpful.

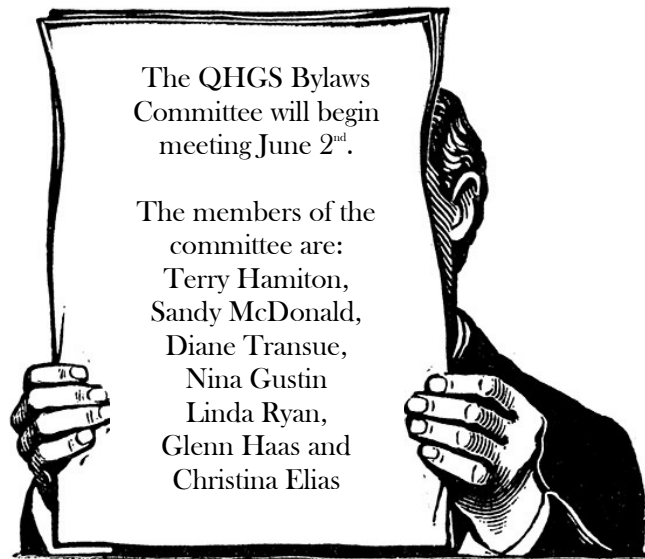
## Who Do You Think You Are?

The new season of WDYTYA has arrived. If you weren't able to catch the first episodes they can be found on TLC network. The six celebrities this season are: Hilary Duff, Jean Smart, Jon Cryer, Laverne Cox, Megan Mullally and Molly Shannon.

Each celebrity will discover their own family history and compare it to family legend. With help of Ancestry.com they will be able to set the record straight and discover their own true heritage.

For more information see:

<http://www.tlc.com/tlcme/new-celebrities-trace-their-roots-on-who-do-you-think-you-are/>



The QHGS Bylaws Committee will begin meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The members of the committee are:  
Terry Hamilton,  
Sandy McDonald,  
Diane Transue,  
Nina Gustin  
Linda Ryan,  
Glenn Haas and  
Christina Elias

### **REFRESHMENT REPORT** by Sandy Hollandsworth

In June, the QHGS will host the ice cream social.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** by Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance at our May meeting: 38 members

## Learning Opportunities

### Orange County FamilySearch Library

The Orange County FamilySearch Library has experts/professionals available for one-on-one assistance in June. If you would like to schedule a one-on-one session with Barbara Renick, Kristi Sexton, Elna Katherman, or Marilyn Pope please call the library for an appointment. They will tell you what is still available and give you the email of the specialist to confirm your appointment. The library phone number is (714) 997-7710.

### Annual SCGS Open House, Saturday, July 7, 2018.

The Southern California Genealogical Society is having an open house. There will be representatives from the Board of Directors and special interest groups. There will be guided tours of the library. For more information see:

<https://scgsgenealogy.blogspot.com/2018/05/ca-scgs-annual-scgs-open-house-saturday.html>

**The Library of the Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society** is moving to a new home. The library of 190 books on Jewish genealogy will be located in Westminster. To schedule an appointment to use the library, please send an email to [info@ocjgs.org](mailto:info@ocjgs.org) or call Michelle Sandler at (949) 423-3746

### FamilySearch Classes

June 7 "Using German Address Books to Locate Records"

June 12 "Tips and Tricks for Using the FamilySearch Historical Record Collection"

June 21 "Scottish Clans and Naming Patterns"

For more information: [https://www.familysearch.org/locations/library\\_class\\_schedule](https://www.familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule)

### Family Tree Webinars

June 8 "The Family DNA Project" by Nicka Smith

June 13 "Easily Read Old Style American Handwriting" by Sharon Monson

June 19 "Using Maps in Genealogical Research" by Sara A. Scribner, CG

June 19 "You Need a Search Strategy: Maximizing Your Results with Online Genealogical Database" by Mike Mansfield

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

### Southern California Genealogical Society

May 5 "Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors" by Michael Strauss

May 16 "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly Truth About Family Histories" by Shannon-Combs Bennett

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



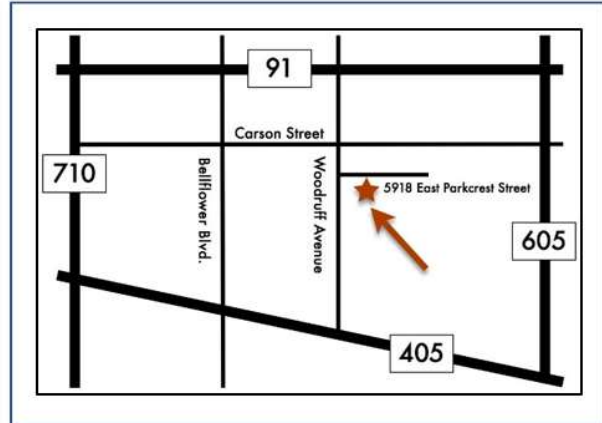
## QHGS Meeting Reminder

Help us cover the cost of our hospitality supplies. Please donate two dollars to the basket as you enjoy the tasty food during the mid-meeting break.

## Other QHGS Events

Glenn Hass reported that the fundraiser night at Papalucci's was a success. Thank you, Papalucci's Italian Ristorante, for your generous donation of \$280!

Cynthia Day-Elliott reported that six people joined her for a field trip on May 12<sup>th</sup> to the Los Angeles Family Search Library.



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