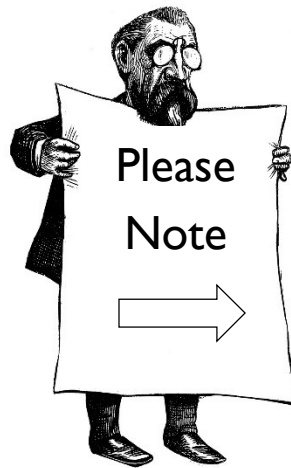


QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA



The April 2020 QHGS meeting has been cancelled. For more information, please read the President’s message on page 21. Thank you.

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.

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

Look for us on the Web:

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• APRIL QUOTE •

‘Everyone deserves to be remembered.’

- Steve Rockwood
CEO FamilySearch International

•QHGS President's Message •

In the wake of the COVID-19 virus epidemic, **we will be canceling our April meeting.** Since news of the virus seems to change on a daily basis, we will leave the option open for having our May meeting. If the social distancing guidelines are still in place at that time, we will cancel again and hope to be able to gather together in June. Please stay safe.

In the meantime, let's take this time to work on our genealogy. Scan your photos and put into your computer or online programs, read books that seem to stay on the shelves and learn a new technique thru a webinar or You Tube.

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

RootsTech 2020

My husband and I just returned from this year's RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City. We heard some wonderful speakers over our three days in Utah and learned a lot. I hope to share more with you in coming issues. For now, you might enjoy viewing some of the sessions online at <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2020-rootstech-sessions>. A few of those 19 sessions are:

- ✓ 'What's New at Ancestry' with Christa Cowan
- ✓ 'Finding Your Elusive Female Ancestors' with Julie Stoddard
- ✓ 'Introduction to What Are the Odds? (WATO)' with Leah Larkin
- ✓ 'DNA Genealogy and Law Enforcement: All the Facts' with Blaine Bettinger
- ✓ 'Adding Branches to Your Family Tree Using DNA' with Angie Bush



• A Timely Blog from FamilySearch •

You might enjoy reading the FamilySearch's Blog 'Virtual Tours – 19 Ways to Travel from Home'. It has links to virtual tours from around the world at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/virtual-tours-travel-from-home/>. Here are a few you will read about complete with hyperlinks:

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| ✓ Vatican Museums | ✓ Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History |
| ✓ Louvre | ✓ Buckingham Palace |
| ✓ Taj Mahal | ✓ Gardens of Versailles |
| ✓ Ellis Island | ✓ National Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City |
| ✓ British Museum | |
| ✓ Carlsbad Caverns | |
| ✓ Great Barrier Reef | |

• Staying at Home? Here Are Some Ideas •

Are you finding that you have some extra time on your hands as we 'socially distance' ourselves while there is a stay-at-home order in place because of COVID-19? Maybe you've had to curtail volunteer work, concerts, bunko, shopping, lunches out, or appointments. Here are some ideas to keep busy.

GENEALOGY IDEAS

- Are you interested in extending your genealogy education? Read Family History Daily's article '7 Places to Find Free Genealogy Courses and Webinars Online' at: <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/7-places-to-find-free-genealogy-courses-and-webinars-online/>
- Take a deep dive into your family tree. There must be someone or a mystery that you've said 'if only I had more time' I'd look at. Maybe you want to research one ancestor in depth or extend one line on your tree.
- Do you have copies of the obituaries for your ancestors? Who knows, maybe a lateral ancestor's obit might have a clue to a brick wall you've had. Make a list of those that you are missing and set out to find them. Are they in newspaper archives, other family trees or perhaps a relative has a copy?
- Scan and label your old family photos. Share them with others digitally. Make a digital copy for them as a gift for the next holiday or birthday.
- Organize your paper and digital files. Label them so that they make sense to anyone who might view them.
- Read the FamilySearch blog '52 Stories Weekly Questions'. You may recall that the idea was to take one question each week and write a short story. This will help you complete your family story. Challenge yourself to answer at least two of these questions each week. You have the time to work on those stories now. <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/52stories-weekly-questions/>

OTHER IDEAS

- Board games. For example, we played three rounds of Trivial Pursuit yesterday and had a lots of fun. (Full disclosure – we used the kids 8+ version.) Or play online games like solitaire.
- Read a book you've been putting off that is sitting on your bookshelf right now.
- Watch those DVDs you haven't had time for yet.
- Learn new phrases in another language. ¿Tienes toallas papel? (Do you have any paper towels?)
- Scroll through Hulu, Netflix, Amazon or your cable carrier's for movies that are showing. Make a list of those that you might want to watch.
- Work on some of the smaller tasks on your to do list.
- Binge watch a series on television. Consider watching series you viewed when you were younger like Dragnet, The Andy Griffith Show, or Perry Mason.
- Learn about a new hobby. There are plenty of places to learn. Try looking at Pinterest and YouTube first. Several years ago, I started to crochet rag rugs like my great grandmother made.
- Facetime, Skype, text or call family and friends. Ask your children if they could send a short video of a grandchild you can't visit with right now.
- Take walks and/or continue your exercise program at home.
- Ask a friend for suggestions on fun things to do while home.
- Finally, pull out a puzzle that you already have.
- What is on your list to do?

• Cup of Coffee Question •

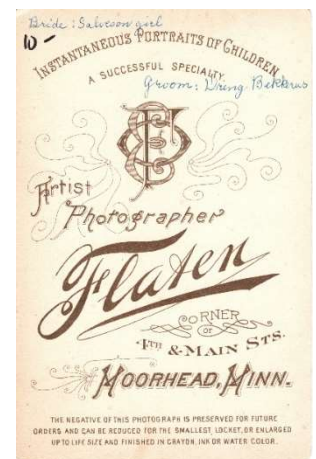
At our monthly QHGS meetings, we hold a drawing for a donated gift card. Each member present has a chance to win if they answer the genealogy or history question published in the newsletter correctly. While there will not be a prize this month, it might be fun to see how much you can find out using your research skills from home.

The answers to the questions below can be found on page 24. How many answers can you find?

The photo shown is a marriage photo. The couple pictured and the photographer were all born in Norway. The photography studio is O.E. Flaten in Moorhead, Minnesota.

The only identification of the couple is handwritten on the back of the photo. It says: 'Bride: Salvesson girl' and "Groom: Dreng Bekkerus'. The groom's father was most likely Torjus Drengsen Bekkerus. Consider reading more about Norwegian naming patterns at <https://www.naha.stolaf.edu/genealogy/naming.htm>.

1. What year was the photographer, Ole Ericksen Flaten, born?
2. What was the bride's full name?
3. What was the groom's full name?
4. According to the 1910 census, when did Dreng immigrate?
5. According to the 1920 census, when did Ole Flaten immigrate?
6. When and where were the couple actually married?
7. Can you find their marriage recorded in church records and where?
8. How old were the bride and groom when they married?



• Web Sites for Your Research •

At RootsTech, we heard about many web sites of interest to researchers. Here are just a few.

•The FamilySearch Library digitizes **family and local histories**. These and other collections are online and searchable at <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>. Can't get to the FHL or their partner Libraries. Access their collections from the FamilySearch link. Their collection includes family history books from their partners at:

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| ✓ Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center | ✓ Midwest Genealogy Center |
| ✓ Arizona State Library | ✓ Onondaga County Public Library |
| ✓ Birmingham Public Library | ✓ Ontario Ancestors (The Ontario Genealogical Society) |
| ✓ BYI Family History Library | ✓ St. Louis County Library |
| ✓ Houston Public Library | ✓ University of Florida George A Smathers Libraries |
| ✓ Dallas Public Library | |
| ✓ Historical Society of Pennsylvania | |

•One of the more interesting collections online is the **David Rumsey Map Collection**. We attended a lecture at RootsTech by Lisa Louise Cooke. It was titled '3 Cool Cases Solved: How to Identify Your Photos'. For one case she talked about using the Rumsey Historic Maps in Google Earth to help find a location.

David Rumsey's collection of physical maps has been donated to Stanford Museum. It is a collection of more than 150,000 historical maps. You can see the collection at www.davidrumsey.com. The date range of the collection is from 1550 to present times.

•On Ancestry.com you can search **Sears Catalogs**. From the Card Catalog page enter 'Historic Catalogs of Sears, Roebuck and Co' to view the years 1896-1993. If you are researching a specific time period within this range it will give you a view into your ancestor's lives. You also might remember some things during your lifetime that you've forgotten.

•The Library of Congress has a **collection of telephone directories**. There are 8,327 digitized microfilm reels. The collection at <https://www.loc.gov/collections/united-states-telephone-directory-collection/> has 3,500 reels. There is a search box at the top of the page to help you search the collection.

•The **history of U.S. coins** can be found at <https://coinsite.com/history-of-us-coins-menu/>. This link takes you to a list where you select a year and coin. You'll see an image and description of the coin, and a bit of history about the time it was struck.

•Did you know that the Library of Congress has **web guides by state**? For Texas you will find the entries 'The Handbook of Texas Online', 'The Portal to Texas History' and 'Preservation Houston: Museum of History'. Most states have at two or more web guides. The home page is <https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/statememory/>.

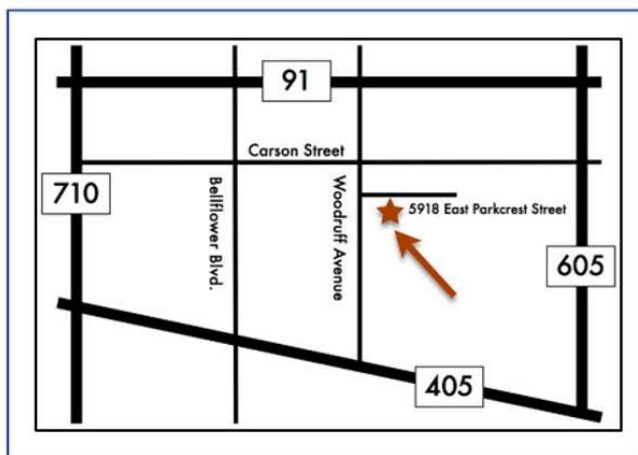
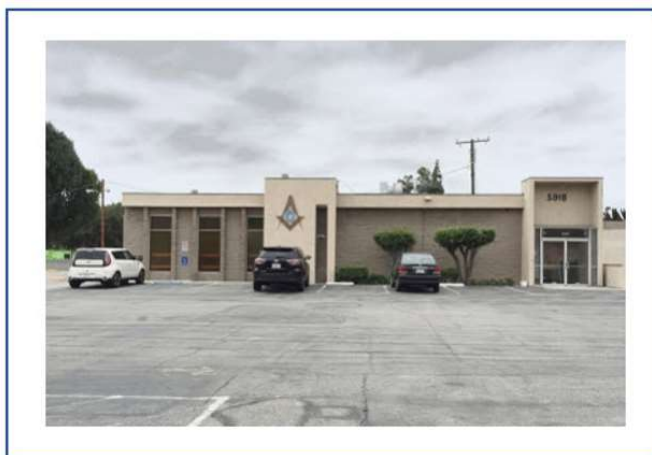
• Learning Opportunities •

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

- ✓ April 10: 'The General Land Office Website' – A Genealogical Gem by Rick Sayre
- ✓ April 15: 'Was Great Grandmother Really Native American?' by Janice Lovelace
- ✓ April 22: 'Introduction to Vivid-Pix RESTORE' by Rick Voight
- ✓ May 5,6: 'Smarter Search Strategies for Genealogy' by Thomas MacEntee
- ✓ For more information on all of their upcoming webinars see <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

• Answers to Cup of Coffee Question •

1. Year of birth 1854
2. Emma Geline Salvesson
3. Dreng Torgerson Bekkerus
4. 1885
5. 1872
6. Fargo, North Dakota on 4 December 1888
7. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records – St. Paul, Minnesota
8. Ages 30 and 16



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