

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**Our Next Meeting will be
May 16th at 1:00 PM With Social Time
Starting at 12:30 PM**

**Finding Our Female Ancestor
By Kristin Wenger**

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.

Meetings are virtual due to the pandemic at this time

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

Missed RootsTech? You can still access the majority of the materials at: [Home](#) • [RootsTech Connect 2021](#) • [FamilySearch](#)

Look for us on the Web:

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

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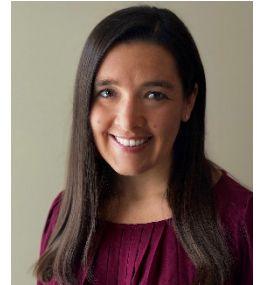


May Speaker

Finding Our Female Ancestor Research Strategies to Discover More About Women in Family History By Kristin Wenger

Roots & Wings Research, LLC was founded by Kristin Wenger in December 2017 upon her completion of Boston University's certificate program in genealogical research. Kristin is passionate about giving others the gift of experiencing fulfillment and inspiration through discovering, preserving, and sharing their family histories.

As a lifelong Lancaster County, Pennsylvania resident, she specializes in Pennsylvania research, particularly Anabaptist groups (Mennonites, Brethren, and Amish) as well as the Moravians, who settled her hometown of Lititz.



Before pursuing her career in genealogy, Kristin was a teacher and librarian for nearly two decades. She graduated summa cum laude from Messiah College with a degree in Elementary Education. As an educator, she loves to provide coaching and instruction to others who want to learn more about their own family histories. Kristin presents engaging lectures and classes on a variety of research topics, volunteers as the in-house genealogist for the Lititz Historical Foundation, serves as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Lititz Public Library, and is involved in teaching and music ministries at her church.

For more information, please visit her website (<https://www.rootsandwingsresearch.com>) and blog at (<https://www.rootsandwingsresearch.com/blog>).

QHGS President's Message



In case you missed our April presentation by Diane Boumenot, she showed us how it is possible to write and produce a family history book AND do it at a very reasonable price. Giving a copy to several libraries and to family members can ensure that your research will be out there for future generations.

We will continue to meet virtually thru June and hopefully meet at a local park in July. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you to members who have paid their dues for 2021. We appreciate your support!

A reminder to check our Facebook page frequently for upcoming genealogical events or interesting information. Thank you Laurie Angel for keeping us informed.

In honor of Memorial Day, we thank our members who are veterans.

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

Chance Meeting on Ancestry Yields Priceless Family Photos for Questing Heirs Member Sandy McDonald

Two and one half years ago Sandy McDonald received an inquiry from Betty Paulson on Ancestry requesting information regarding a man named David Osborn Freeman. Knowing who he was, Sandy replied that he was married to Sarah Ellen Steele her 1st cousin 2x removed in her Steele family tree. Betty, after receiving back the message from made arrangements for her and Sandy to chat. During the conversation, she told Sandy she had some old photos and ask how she felt about old photos. Sandy replied that she had old family photos around in her house and was always looking for old photos when she would go antiquing. Betty then told Sandy how she had two old albums that her fathers-in-law wife had given to her. The wife received them from a man who wanted them identified to see if any were his side of family photos. Betty did some genealogy research on the photo albums that were given to her to try to identify pictures of this man's family. Unfortunately, since there were no matches to that particular family the man did not want the albums back. Betty continued researching the pictures and was able to identify a few to families in Oregon and contacted them. She was told they were not interested and had already had copies of the same pictures. Betty continued in her search looking for parts of the family that might be interested.

Sandy asked her where she was from and Betty replied that she was from Idaho Falls, Idaho. Sandy upon mentioning that her husband was born in Idaho Falls and that his father and uncle had owned land there. Sandy went on to talk about how the family was farming in the early 1930's out along Ammon Highway out in the country of Idaho Falls. Sandy told her the land has now been sold and is now a housing community called McDonald Farm with some streets named after a grandchild. Betty's father-in-law was sitting beside her listening and he told her he was a farm laborer for the McDonald's and had helped farm that land. With this information Betty offered the albums to Sandy with hope that she would continue to try to identify more pictures which Sandy was successful in doing.

Sandy's father's family line is the Steele's. In the albums there were three Steele brother's sons of Mortimer & Diantha Steele her 2Xs great grandparents. There is George Marshall, Mahlon (great uncles) and Chauncy Timothy Steele (great grandfather). All were farmers like their father and grandfather. George Marshall is the only one that left Wisconsin and journeyed and had lived in Ohio, Iowa, South Dakota, Montana and Oregon. George filed a Civil War pension while living in Montana. George enlisted in August 1861 as a Private in Wisconsin 7th Calvary Battalion and served in the Union Army. He was wounded in Gainesville, Virginia. George had two brothers who also served in the Civil War: Pvt. Charles Allen Steele in the 33rd Infantry and Pvt. Albert Steele in the 7th Infantry. He also had an Uncle Chauncey Harrison Steele a Private who served in the 47th Infantry. Mortimer Steele was responsible in helping to established the Union Steele Cemetery in Marietta Township in Wisconsin so that there would be a final resting place for the Civil War soldiers from this area. Many from the Steele and the Green families are buried there.

George Marshall Steele had 3 daughters. Martha Steele Tuel, Sarah Ellen Steele Freeman and Charlotte Steele Blackman.





Pictured at left is the photo Betty was questioning. Sarah and David Osborn Freeman. Sarah is Sandy's 1st cousin 2x removed. Sarah was born in 1874 in Avoca, Iowa. She died 1927 Marion, Oregon. David Freeman was born in 1861 in Nova Scotia, Canada and died in 1939 in Salem, Oregon. He was a farmer with nine children.



Pictured at right are the twin daughters of Sarah and David Freeman. Fern Blanch Freeman Born 1903 in Barlow, Oregon. Died 1993 in Gelsham, Oregon. Francis Beatrice Freeman Born 1903 in Barlow, Oregon. Died 1992 in Salem, Oregon.



Pictured at left are more of the children of Sarah and David Freeman which are all 2nd cousins 1x removed to Sandy. Seven years old in photo is Winifred Ellen, born 1894 in Britton, S. Dakota and died in 1959 in Salem, Oregon. Four years old in the photo is Joseph Merrit Born in 1897 in Britton, S. Dakota and died in 1966 in Clamo, Oregon. The one year old in the photo is George Forest, born 1901 in Barlow, Oregon and died in 1960 in Omok, Washington.



Pictured at left: Daughter to George Marshall Steele and sister to Sarah Ellen (1st cousin 2x removed). Martha Georgette Steele Tuel, born 1865 in Fennimore, Wisconsin and died in 1917 in Alameda, California. She married Hiram Tuel, born in 1886 in Cherokee, Iowa and died in 1959 in Winterset, Iowa.



Picture at right: Daughters of Charlotte Steele Blackman one of George Marshall Steele's daughters. (1st cousin 2x removed) Sisters: (2nd cousins 1x removed) Ellen Flora Blackman Born 1892 in Britton, S. Dakota. Died in 1916 in Fresno, California. Edna Francis Blackman Born in 1896 in Plano, Montana and Died in 1981 in Newport, Oregon.



Great Uncle & Aunt, one of the three brothers in the albums (pictured at left). Mahlon Steele Born 1856 in Marietta Township, Wisconsin and died in 1921 in Boscobel, Wisconsin. Married to Mary Kate Shields. Born in 1861 in Wisconsin and died 1938 in Boscobel, Wisconsin.

Sandy's great grandfather, one of the three brothers in the albums, with his sisters her great grand aunts (pictured at right). Chauncey Timothy Steele 1853-1917. Emma Melissa Steele Miller Born 1845 in Willoughby, Ohio. Died in 1913 in Marietta Township Wisconsin. Ellen Steele Kincannon, born in 1851 in Ohio and died 1911 in Cook, Illinois.



Sandy's surprise picture that nobody in her Steele line had ever seen (pictured at left). Her great-grandfather and great-grandmother, Chauncey Timothy Steele, born in 1853 in Cleveland, Ohio and died in 1917 in Boscobel, Wisconsin. Josephine Drake Steel Born in 1859 in Clayton, Missouri and died in 1937 in Boscobel, Wisconsin.



Upcoming Webinars

Southern California Jamboree 2021 Is Almost Here!

Southern California Genealogical Society
jamboree 2021
Two Online Virtual Conferences

The Genes in Your Family

Genetic Genealogy
Friday & Saturday
June 4 & 5, 2021
25 Programs - 20 Expert Speakers
Recordings available until Oct. 3, 2021

The Stars in Your Family

Genealogy Jamboree
Friday & Saturday
June 11 & 12, 2021
56 Programs - 51 Expert Speakers
Recordings available until Oct. 10, 2021

For full descriptions of each conference, visit the *jamboree* website:
www.genealogyjamboree.com

If viewing electronically, click on the graphic to access the Jamboree website

Congratulations to Barbara Cooper for winning the free standard entry to Jamboree 2021

FamilySearch Webinars for May 2021

Legend: B = Beginners, I = Intermediate and A = Advanced

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| Saturday, May 1st at 8:00 AM | Getting Started with Finnish Research (B) |
| Saturday, May 1st at 9:15 AM | Denmark Regional Series: Bornholm (A) |
| Saturday, May 1st at 11:30 AM | Early Tax Records of Sweden, Part 1 (1535-1577) (I) |
| Saturday, May 1st at 12:45 PM | Early Tax Records of Sweden, Part 2 (1599-1635) (I) |

Link to register for the above FamilySearch Webinars: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#) or type into your browser the following information:

https://churchofjesuschrist.zoom.us/webinar/register/5916142047976/WN_I GxtZ8DXSGev7XpVg-J3ug

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars : Upcoming Webinars](#)

May 4, 2021 and May 5, 2021 - Comparing Australian Content on the Giant Genealogy Websites – by Sunny Morton - [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

May 5, 2021 - Solving a Brick Wall with DNA – A Case Study by Larry W. Thomas – [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

May 7, 2021 – Researching the Descendants and Ancestors of the Weeping Time People by Brian Sheffey - [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

May 11, 2021 – Latest updates to MyHeritage Genetic Groups by Ran Snir - [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

May 12, 2021 and May 13, 2021 – DNA Downer: Strategies for Dealing with DNA Fatigue by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. - [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

May 18, 2021 and May 19, 2021 – The Paternal Ten: Searching for Missing Heirs by Claire Ammon, CG - [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

May 21, 2021 – Researching Canadian Nurses, Pilots and Sailors in the First World War by Kathryn Lake Hogan - [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

May 25, 2021 – Advanced DNA Features on MyHeritage by Ofer Karp - [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

May 26, 2021 – How Testing Multiple Relatives Can Turbocharge your DNA Research by Michelle Leonard - [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

TREASURER REPORT by Bob Prager

(January-March 2021)

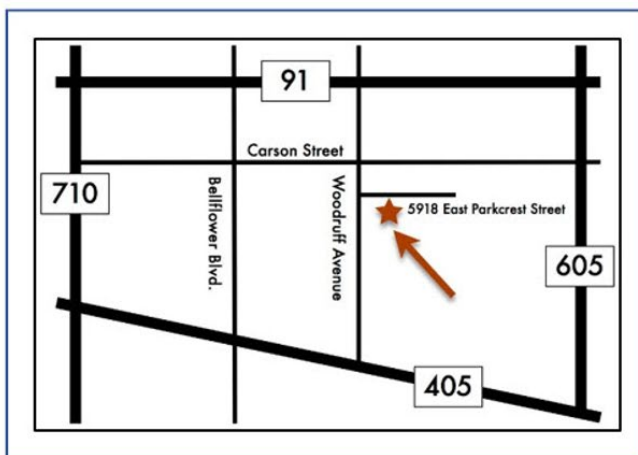
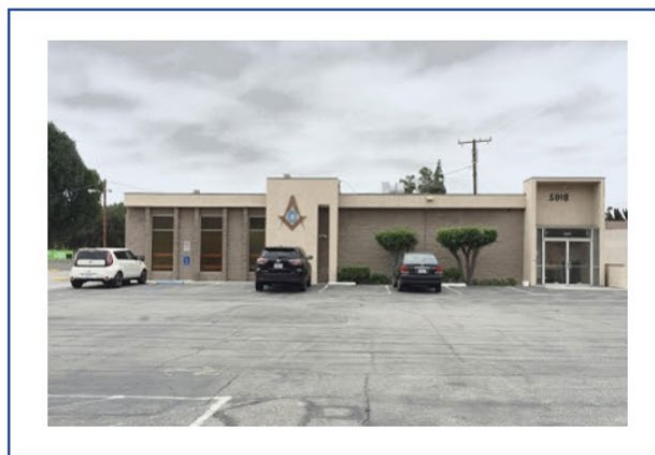
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“Remember me in the family tree
My name, my days, my strife;
Then I’ll ride upon the wings of time
And live an endless life.”
– Linda Goetsch