

“Scandalous Ancestors: Dads and Desperados”
Will Be Genealogical Discussion Topic
at the QHGS Meeting on June 15



Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah



Tabernacle Square, Salt Lake City, Utah



Richard Trotter

First Trip
to
Salt Lake City

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month at **1:00 p.m.** at Resurrection Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 1900 East Carson Street, in Long Beach, California. (map on page 48)

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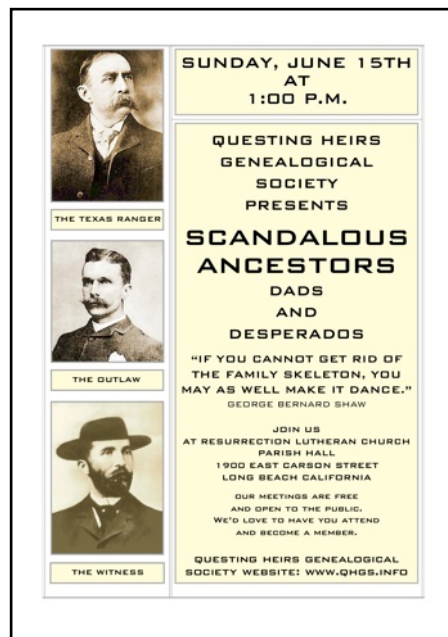
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“Dads and Desperados” Is Theme of QHGS June Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

JUNE 15, 2014

Starting at 1:00 p.m., we will listen to several short family stories about “Dads and Desperados.” Terry Hamilton will talk about one of her notorious ancestors, the outlaw Sam Bass, and, when Terry’s presentation is finished, others will share family stories about their fathers’ and grandfathers’ escapades.



After our Father’s Day sharing, we will break for the **QHGS Annual Ice Cream Social**. As we eat sundaes, we’ll discuss genealogy in general; so, if you are planning to attend Jamboree on the 5th, 6th, 7th, and/or 8th of June, please be willing to tell us what you saw at the convention center, what you learned at DNA Day, which classes were the most helpful, and what your over-all Jamboree experience was like.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME

Donna L. Harris was a guest at our May meeting and joined the Society on the same day. Donna is a librarian. She is researching the following **surnames: Harris, Duenow, Spencer and Calvert** in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Indiana.

Sue Tisdall was a guest at our April meeting. She went to the LAPL with our group; and she, too, became a member of the Society in May. Sue is researching the following **surnames** and places: **Hess** in Benton, Columbia County, Pennsylvania and Mutterstadt, Palatine, Germany (prior to 1675), and **Witt** in Montgomery and Dayton (Ward 5), Ohio, and Virginia.

DUES INCREASE

PROPOSAL

Speakers’ fees have risen over the past four years, but our standard payment rate for them has not. Our membership dues have remained the same since 2010; and, in order to engage the kind of knowledgeable speakers with informative presentations on genealogical topics that our members have come to expect, the QHGS Executive Board will ask Questing Heirs members to approve a 25% increase in annual dues. New fees would be \$25.00 for an annual individual membership and \$37.50 for an annual family membership. The increase would go into effect beginning with the 2014-2015 membership year which starts on September 1, 2014. Please give this proposal your consideration and be ready with your comments about it at the June 15 meeting. Thank you.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FAMILY FELONS

We genealogists know that everybody's pedigree has at least one unsavory character hiding in it; or, as one funny saying has it, "Give your family tree a good shake and watch the nuts fall." Don't we all love those family tales of high-jinx, crimes and misdemeanors? Our Father's Day Ice Cream Social will showcase several of these stories about the cads and bounders in our families. The Executive Board will also be asking you, the members of Questing Heirs, to consider an increase in our annual dues rates. Our dues have remained at the same level since 2010. Please read the announcement on page 42 carefully, and think about what you want your Society to become. See you at the June meeting!
—Terry Hamilton

FUNDRAISER IS A SUCCESS

QHGS RECEIVES \$260

On the 8th of May, QHGS Publicity Chairman Glenn Haas happily accepted a check for \$260 from Danny Tarantine, the owner of Papalucci's restaurant. Everyone who ate dinner at Papalucci's on the 6th helped us ensure this fundraiser's success, and we are very grateful to Danny for donating 20% of his bistro's profits to our club. Danny says QHGS members are welcome back any time.

RESEARCH TRIP TO LAPL

GENEALOGY IN L. A.

Eleven members of Questing Heirs visited the Los Angeles Public Library on Saturday, May 10. Led by Cynthia Day-Elliott, they took the Blue Line to 7th Street Station in Los Angeles and walked three blocks to the library.



Genealogy Department Librarian Julie Huffman provided handouts with a map of the department floor plan and many pages of useful information. After a short orientation, individuals began work on research projects using the genealogical resources available, and those who did not already have a free LAPL card obtained one before day's end. Thank you, Cynthia, for leading this field trip and introducing us to the LAPL

FINANCE REPORT

Chris Elia

April
Income: \$124.66
April
Expenses: \$122.63
F & M Bank
Balance:
\$ 5,933.51

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy
Hollandsworth

**The
June Meeting
will be
our annual
ice cream social.**

Many thanks
to our
May Hosts
George and Polly
Johnson,
Kathy Latham,
and Susan Roberge.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance
at
May's
meeting: 34

**Our Guest:
Bruce Jeske
Our**

**New Members:
Sue Tisdall
and**

Donna L. Harris

Internet News and Genealogy Events

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Plotting, Scheming, and Mapping Online,” presented by Cyndi Ingle on Tuesday, **June 10 at 6:00 p.m. PST**. The Internet is a source for a variety of maps and geographical tools that will help you in your research. From new maps and atlases with online driving directions to old gazetteers with county lines and ancient place names, the Internet has them all. We'll explore those resources, offer ideas for using them, and show how to integrate them into your research routine. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3486718851035076865>.

Legacy Family Tree:

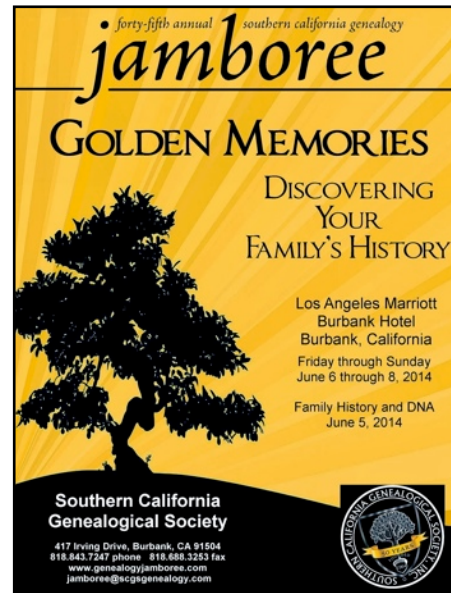
Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between June 11 and June 27**: “German Internet Research: A Launching Place for Your Research,” “10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Family History Narrative,” “Documenting Native American Families in 19th and 20th Century Records,” and “Copyright Mythconceptions.”

Southern California Genealogical Society:

“Wooden Shoe Genealogy: Finding Dutch and Frisian Ancestors,” presented by Jay Fonkert, CG, on Wednesday, **June 18 at 6:00 p.m. PST**. Learn how to find Netherlands home-places and use church and civil registration records on microfilm and the Internet to match a Netherlands family with your American family. Go to <http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to learn more about this webinar.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“An Introduction to Irish Research,” presented by Donna Moughty on Tuesday, **June 17 at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Before you buy your ticket to Ireland you need to look at the roots your ancestor planted in America. Focusing on U.S. resources can give you a real passport to finding your way to the right place and time in Ireland. Register: <http://tinyurl.com/kmxc6tr> ID: 100-919-323.



LOCAL AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society:

“Be Mine: Early American Marriage Customs,” by Connie Moretti, Tuesday, **June 17**, 7:00 p.m., at the Los Angeles Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

South Orange County Genealogical Society:

“Need Direction—Try City Directories,” by **Jean Wilcox Hibben**, Saturday, **June 21**, 10:00 a.m. to noon, at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest), Mission Viejo.

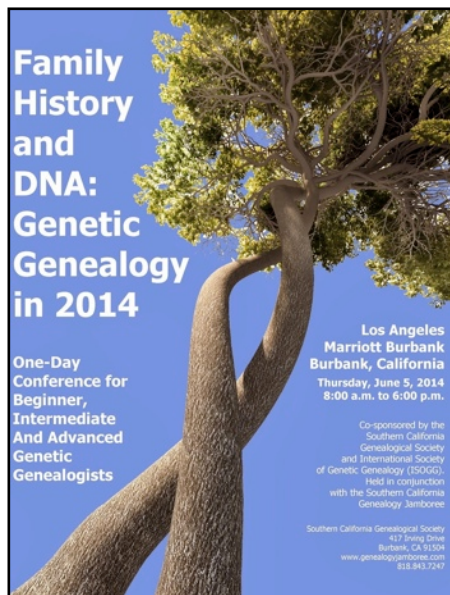
Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society:

“Beginner’s Workshop,” Sunday, **June 22**, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Temple Bat Yahm, 1011 Camelback Street, Newport Beach. Advance reservations are required! Please RSVP to Sandy Bursten at sandybeel@cox.net or call 949-854-8854.

North San Diego County Genealogical Society:

“Genealogy Clues—An Overview,” by Hal Horrocks, Tuesday, **June 24**, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad.

Genetic Genealogy and DNA News



DNA CONFUSION REIGNS by John W. McCoy

The past few months have been particularly confusing for genetic genealogists. Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) has suffered botched roll-outs of its Big-Y test, a new Y chromosome “tree”, and its new MyOrigins product (replacing the old Population Finder). The genetic tests were fine; the problems involved computers. Not only were there problems with these products, but the roll-outs also introduced bugs into other parts of the FTDNA web site that used to work fine. The help desk was overwhelmed, and still doesn’t seem to be caught up. Worse, some people’s new Y chromosome haplogroup assignments were clearly wrong, and it’s not certain that all of them have been corrected.

Ancestry.com continues to promise new tools, such as a chromosome browser, in the indefinite future, but nothing new has actually appeared. 23andMe continues business as usual, but their new DNA chip isn’t compatible with FTDNA’s technology, so it is not possible to transfer your

autosomal results from 23andMe to FTDNA, if your test was done with the V4 chip. It is, however, still possible to transfer your autosomal results from any of these vendors to the free GEDmatch.com utility, provided that web site is working. It has suffered a series of technical problems from which it is still recovering. On all of these sites, the lack of pedigree information is a major obstacle in the interpretation of autosomal DNA “matches”.

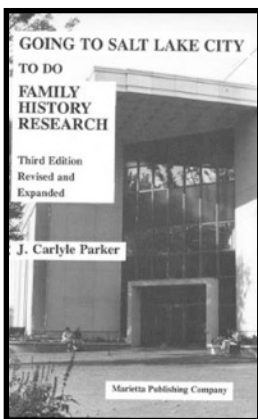
FTDNA’s “MyOrigins” is the latest tool for “measuring” ethnic origins from autosomal DNA, and like all the other similar tools, it suffers from technical issues. So far, every one of these tools produces a different result. All of them are based on very small sample sizes. How can a couple dozen DNA samples represent the entire genetic variation of the population of, say, Italy? These tools divide up the entire world into maybe a couple dozen separate populations, each represented by a small number of samples, so it should not be surprising if the results often don’t make sense. But there’s another difficulty: human DNA is passed from one generation to the next in a relatively small number of “blocks”, not more than a few per chromosome. Consequently, there is a significant chance that you did not actually inherit any DNA from a particular ancestor who is a couple centuries back in your pedigree. On the other hand, you can also end up with a significantly larger than expected chunk of DNA from another ancestor. So, when your pedigree tells you that you are 0.8% Native American, your DNA might contain nothing at all from that ancestor, or it might contain much more. For distant ancestors, the ethnic percentages derived from your DNA can’t be expected to match the minor components of the ethnic percentages computed from your pedigree. Because of this effect, I don’t see how it will ever be possible to validate the ethnic origins tools, even if the number of reference samples is vastly increased.

FIRST VISIT TO THE FHL IN SALT LAKE CITY

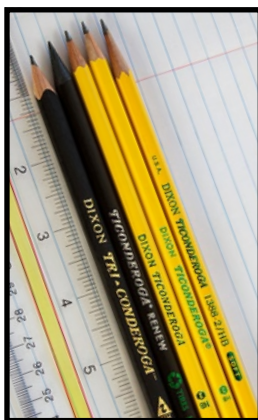
Use the FHL Catalogs



Read This Book!



Get Organized



QHGS Member Spotlight

Richard Trotter tells us about his first visit to the Family History Library in SLC:

After about fifteen years of collecting data and building my family tree, I decided to take a research trip to Salt Lake City. I had driven through there four times on the Interstate, but had never stopped to visit the Mormon Family History Library. Since I had not been there before to research the past, I decided, rightly, to go with a group. In April I went with the Orange County California Genealogical Society from Huntington Beach. A group is important not only for assistance, but with the knowledge of someone who had been there before. The group leaders were Joan Rambo and Hal Horrocks. They gave informative meetings with great handouts and several e-mails before we left, and they were super helpful in Salt Lake City. There were thirty-two researchers in our group.

The first thing that one needs to do before going to SLC is learn how to access both versions of the Family History Catalogue, the “old” version and the “beta” version! It will give you access to a lot of information, will save a bunch of time in research, and you will use it in SLC on the FHL computers.

The second thing that you can do before you leave is go to Amazon books and order your copy of *Going To Salt Lake City To Do Family History Research*, by J. Carlyle Parker, 3rd edition, revised and expanded, 1998. This is available from Marietta Publishing Co., Turlock, California. The price listed was around \$20.00. Even though fifteen years old, the book is current! The book is divided into three parts: 1. Family History Center Users, 2. Local Public Library Users, 3. Home Library Users. He further gives the reader the following options: Do It In Three Hours; Two Days; One Week; Two Weeks; One Month; Two Months; and a Three Month Approach. Since I

had not been there before, I completed the three month approach, which means I read the whole thing. It was worth it! The most helpful idea that I gleaned from reading the book was organization. I started with a folder for each individual that I wanted to research or complete research upon. In the folder I included: pedigree chart for that family, individual group sheet for that individual, a research log, and a list of places I wanted to visit for information.

The third thing that you need to do before going to SLC is to complete, on 5x8 cards, the listing of books, microfiche, and microfilm that you will need, by call numbers, from the library catalog. By listing the call number one can take the cards into the stacks and, hopefully, find the item you want to look at, copy, or put on a flash drive. That's why one uses the Catalog!

Fourth, you must decide what you want to accomplish at the Family History Library. Make wise decisions and write them all down. You will find that one never has too many ideas, just not enough time to get them all done. So prioritize!

Take the smallest computer you can, not to work in the library, but to check messages from home. Take several thumb drives. Bring a briefcase, backpack or a small rolling bag to take to the library each day. This will keep the things you want to work on in one place. Take several pens, pencils, and erasers, but no extra writing paper because at each library table pencils and scratch paper are available. Do take extra 5x8 cards. Take a digital camera or a smart phone, not particularly for the library, but to document your trip. The grounds were spectacular this Spring. Take a raincoat, an umbrella, a jacket and a sweater. Always take the sweater into the library as it can be cool! *(cont'd on next page)*

QHGS Member Spotlight (cont'd)

Our group stayed at the Plaza Hotel on Temple Square. The rooms were very nice. There was fast Wi-Fi, a helpful staff, a great restaurant attached, and, best of all, a perfect location: right next to the library.

Do be prepared for a lot of walking. The library alone will wear one out! The library has five floors of space with huge stacks of books, microfilm, and family histories. The main level has family histories, Canadian books, computers, meeting rooms and a snack room. Level two is where the US/CAN film and fiche are located. The third level or top floor is where the US/CAN books are found (you cannot believe how many books there are to go through!). Basement #1 is the International Collection which includes Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Caribbean, Pacific Islands and Scandinavia. The bottom floor, or Basement #2, houses the British Collection which includes Australia, Channel Islands, England, Ireland, Isle of Man, New Zealand, Scotland and Wales. On each floor are the ever helpful reference desks.

Search Google Maps and look at the layout of Salt Lake City. Be reminded that Salt Lake City blocks are twice the distance of our local blocks.

The Plaza Hotel is located very close to many great places to eat: Lion House, Nauvoo Café, and the Garden Restaurant. Also there is the Marriott Hotel, Red Iguana (Mexican), Olive Garden, JB's, Red Rock Brewery, and it goes on and on! You can get a card from the FHL which allows you to eat at the Church Office Building cafeteria which offers a wonderful lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It's a bit of a walk (about three of our blocks), but worth it in taste and cost.

In the library one cannot eat in the rooms, but capped water bottles are allowed at the desks and computers. It is important that one stays hydrated.

It is very important to have a tour and an orientation lecture! Our lecture was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., and since the library opened at 8:00 a.m., I walked each of the floors just seeing what was located where. After listening to the orientation everything fell into place.

I cannot stress enough the amount of help you can get at the library. They have volunteers in every room just waiting to assist you. They are very helpful, courteous, cheerful and knowledgeable (sounds like the Boy Scouts!). The missionaries and elders are also there to assist, and all one has to do is raise your hand.

Schedule your time. Work on books first, move to a computer for awhile, walk for a few minutes, find another book or take a short break before you go back to work some more! Do not sit at a desk, a computer, or a microfiche/microfilm reader for too long. I worked two hours on books, walked to the break room, spent two hours on a computer, ate lunch, worked two hours on microfiche, walked to the break room, etc. Pace yourself. Remember the time difference of one hour between California and Utah and the altitude of SLC which is a whole lot higher than Long Beach.

I had prepared 36 items that I wanted to research pertaining to some dead ends, some verifications, and some new information. I completed about half of what I wanted to do; therefore, perhaps in another year there will be another trip. I would sincerely encourage everyone to visit and to do research at the FHL. It was wonderful.

—Richard Trotter

RESEARCH AT THE FHL IN SALT LAKE CITY

FHL Computers

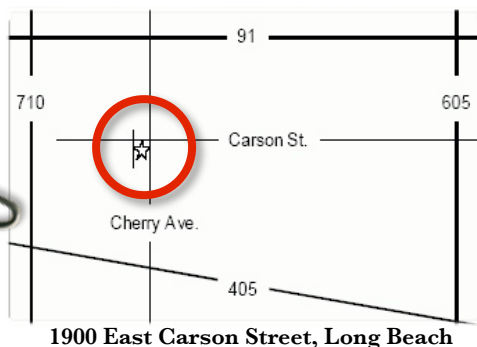


FHL Microfilm



FHL Reader





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COMING IN JULY

— QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS —

**ARE YOUR NY, CT, RI, MA AND VT
ANCESTORS
PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK?**

**SUNDAY, JULY 20TH
1:00 PM**



**BARBARA RANDALL
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AND BECOME A MEMBER.**

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QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
COMING IN JULY

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Presents
What's Your Line?

Sunday, July 20th at 1:00 P.M.

Are you ready to join a lineage society?

Your application must prove that you descend from a qualifying ancestor.

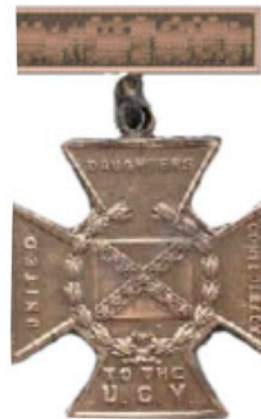
How do you find the proof of lineage that is required?



Birth, marriage and death certificates for each ancestor would make applying for membership an easy process if they existed for everyone—but they don't!

Barbara Randall's lecture will explain which records are required, the research strategies necessary to locate those records, and what kind of alternative documents are acceptable for proof of lineage.

Our meetings are free and open to the public. We'd love to have you attend and become a member.



Join us at
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