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## November 16 QHGS Meeting: Hal Horrocks presents “Colonial Research” Election of Officers at Annual Meeting



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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 St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 88)**

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# Finding Colonial Records and Electing Officers

## MEETING AGENDA

**NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

**Starting at 1:00 p.m.**, Hal Horrocks will teach us about U. S. colonial records and tell us where to look for them. Hal is a native Californian and longtime Orange County resident. He is President of the



Orange County California Genealogical Society (OCCGS), and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). Hal has also developed a website for the Horrocks surname that includes a one-name study, DNA study, and family trees for Horrocks researchers around the world.

## QHGS BEGINNER'S CLASS

**NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

**The Beginner's Class will not meet** after our regular meeting.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

Following is the slate of officers for the 2015-2016 term as presented at our October meeting: President, Terry Hamilton; 2nd Vice-President, Kathy Latham; Director-at-Large, Glenn Haas; Director-at-Large, Tina Yanis. After our snack break, members will vote for the officers listed above. Members will also be asked to approve the appointments of Penny Nugent to the office of 1st Vice President and Denise Hofmann to the office of Secretary. If approved, Penny and Denise will serve until December 31, 2015. After the election, our annual meeting will address member concerns. Suggestions and comments about the future of Questing Heirs will be welcome.

## FAMILYSEARCH CENTERS

### LOCAL BRANCHES

Information about the **Los Angeles FSC** is available at [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Los\\_Angeles\\_FamilySearch\\_Library](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Los_Angeles_FamilySearch_Library). Local FSCs are in **Long Beach** at 3701 Elm Avenue in Bixby Knolls, phone (562) 988-0509; **Los Alamitos**, phone (714) 821-6914; and **Cerritos**, phone (562) 924-3676. Call the local centers before you visit, as their hours may change from time to time.

## Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### THANKSGIVING

I'm thankful for relatives who wrote down people's names on the back of photographs so I know who they are. I'm thankful for people that I'll never meet who have answered my queries online. I'm thankful for people who have taken photos of tombstones in cemeteries I'll never be able to visit and posted them at Find-a-Grave. And I'm especially thankful for Questing Heirs, a great genealogy club—a club made of members who enjoy learning about our mutual hobby (obsession), who help each other solve genealogical problems, and who love socializing over good food at snack time. What are you thankful for?  
—Terry Hamilton

### ANNUAL POT LUCK LUNCHEON

**DECEMBER 21, 2014**

This year our theme will be "My Specialty," so please bring a special dish—one that everyone in your family asks for again and again—to share with your fellow QHGS members. We won't be bringing food by surname this year. When the pot luck sign-up sheets are passed around at our November meeting, each member will sign up to bring an appetizer, a salad, a main dish, or a dessert. "Genealogy Bingo" is on the pot luck agenda too; so, plan now to attend our December meeting on the 21st.

### GENEALOGICAL SERENDIPITY

#### AT OCTOBER MEETING

What a wonderful meeting we had on October 19! Yvette Porter-Moore gave two dynamite presentations, one on adoption and the other on ways to blog our family history. We were all inspired by Yvette's



personal story which had many examples of "genealogical serendipity," those strange coincidences that so many of us experience as we research our families. In fact, a serendipitous moment happened at our meeting during Yvette's second presentation! As QHGS member PJ deMichele watched Yvette's illustrated family tree unfold, she recognized a patient she had cared for: Yvette's auntie, Debra Mitchell Griffin. Debra was the genealogist of the Mitchell family and the woman who connected Yvette to her father's side of the family. After Yvette finished her talks, PJ spoke with her about Debra and the book Debra had written; and Yvette had her photo taken with PJ.

### FINANCE REPORT

Chris Elia

September Income  
\$1,005.29  
September Expenses  
\$756.98  
F & M Bank Balance  
\$7,233.34  
Nielsen Bequest  
\$2,799.06

### REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

**Our  
November  
Hosts**

will be

**Kathy AKAU  
Laurie ANGEL**

**Frances  
LIEBZEIT**

Many thanks

to our

October Hosts

**Kathy AKAU  
Denise HOFMANN  
Richard TROTTER  
Penny NUGENT**

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Members attending  
October's meeting: 38

**A Warm Welcome to**

**Our Guests:**

**Debra Nelson  
Brian Halter  
Caroll Ohlinder  
and  
Olivia**

**Cueva-Fernández**

## Webinars, Lectures, and Special Events

### LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

#### Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Evaluating What You Have Found: The Third Stage of Research,” by Barbara Renick on **Tuesday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4615403822237603330>.

#### Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following webinar which will be presented on **Wednesday, November 19, at 11:00 a.m. PST**: “Using Evernote for Genealogy.”

#### Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented on November 1 and 19**: “Historical Newspaper Research for Genealogists” and “The WWI Draft Card: Don’t Do Research Without It!”

#### Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

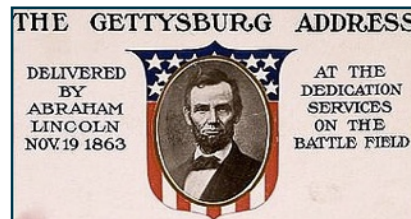
“Time Travel with Google Earth,” presented by Lisa Louise Cook on **Tuesday, November 18, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Register: <http://tinyurl.com/mphto6p> Webinar ID: 110-794-123.

### POSTCARDS FROM PARADISE



First Congregational Church, in conjunction with the Long Beach Historical Society and the Long Beach Playhouse, will be present “Postcards from Paradise: A Love Letter to Long Beach,” on **Saturday and Sunday, November 15, at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 16, at 5:00 p.m.** This multi-media production will follow the history of Long Beach through the magic of music, vintage news, historical photos and early film footage. Go to <http://www.firstchurchlb.org/> for more information.

### CELEBRATE REMEMBRANCE DAY



**Saturday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m.** For the fifth year, the **Drum Barracks Museum** joins in the national remembrance and celebration of President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address given at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery on November 19, 1863. The event, held at 1052 N. Banning Blvd., Wilmington, is sponsored by the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of the Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary, the ASUVCW. **Free admission.**

### MARGARINE MOONSHINERS FROM MINSK

On **Monday, November 3, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, **Temple Adat Elohim** presents Tammy Hepps who will show how a routine search on her great-grandfather revealed the shocking surprise that he had been incarcerated in Leavenworth! Join us as Tammy traces an immigrant group of brothers and brothers-in-law from Minsk to the U.S. where they set out to sell margarine as butter in defiance of one of the stranger pieces of legislation ever passed. Hear her describe the hijinks of a cast of characters including her great-grandfather who fled with his family repeatedly before the feds finally nabbed him; her great-grandmother whose pleas to the warden still survive; the brother-in-law who was excommunicated for selling lard as butter; another brother-in-law who was arrested for threatening to kill a witness; and the soon-to-be-famous inspector who was hot on their trail the entire time. Hepps used numerous historical and genealogical repositories to get to the bottom of this long-concealed chapter of her family’s history, and she will share her research methods with us.

## Genealogy Events in Southern California



### WAGS SEMINAR

Whittier Area Genealogical Society will present its **32nd Annual Seminar** on **Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. The **featured presenter** will be **Geoffrey D. Rasmussen** who will give four presentations: “Digital Research Guidance and ‘To Do’ Lists,” “Googling Around with Google and Other Technologies,” “Timelines and Chronologies: Secrets of Genealogical Success,” and “Technology and Techniques for Researching a Common Surname.” Geoffrey graduated with a degree in Genealogy and Family History from Brigham Young University and has served as director and vice-president of the Utah Genealogical Association. He is a dynamic speaker about all forms of genealogy technology; and, as host of the Legacy Family Tree webinar series, he has spoken virtually in nearly 100 different countries. He has authored books and articles, has created videos and websites, and is the developer of the Legacy Family Tree software program. For more information about this seminar please go to <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags/seminar.html>. Registration flyers are available on the entryway table at QHGS meetings.

### LOCAL AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

**Orange County California Genealogical Society:** “Google Tools for Family History” by Francie Kennedy and “Immigration Records” by Hal Horrocks, **Saturday, November 1, 10:00 a.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

**Corona Genealogical Society:** “Case Study of German Ancestors” presented by Lisa Howison, **Monday, November 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

**South Orange County Genealogical Society:** “Google Tools for Family History,” by Francie Kennedy, **Saturday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (Between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

**Ventura County Genealogical Society:** “Not in Plain Sight: Color Revelations in Civil War Images,” by David Richardson, **Saturday, November 15, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Ventura County Public Health Auditorium, 3147 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura. Take another look at old photographs of the Civil War made new with the process of colorization. David Richardson, author of *Restoring and Tinting Vintage Images* as well as owner of the website History In Full Color at <http://images.historyinfullcolor.com/>, will share parts of our past that he has uncovered in the hundreds of Civil War images that he has helped to restore.

**Genealogical Society of North Orange County:** “Crafting Source Citations the Easy Way” by Randy Seaver, **Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. at Imperial, Yorba Linda.

**Polish Genealogical Society of California:** “Why Did Your Ancestors Emigrate from Their Home Countries?” by John Schmal, **Saturday, November 22, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Los Angeles FamilySearch Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

## 2014 SURVEY RESULTS

At our March 2014 meeting, 25 QHGS members filled out survey forms answering questions about their genealogical interests. The results of that survey are listed below, in order of member preference.

### Countries of

#### Interest:

Canada  
Germany  
England  
Ireland  
Poland/Scandinavia

### States of Interest:

Missouri  
California  
Ohio  
Pennsylvania  
New York

### Topics of Interest

Brick Walls  
DNA  
Cemeteries  
Nicknames  
Help w/websites like  
Ancestry and  
FamilySearch

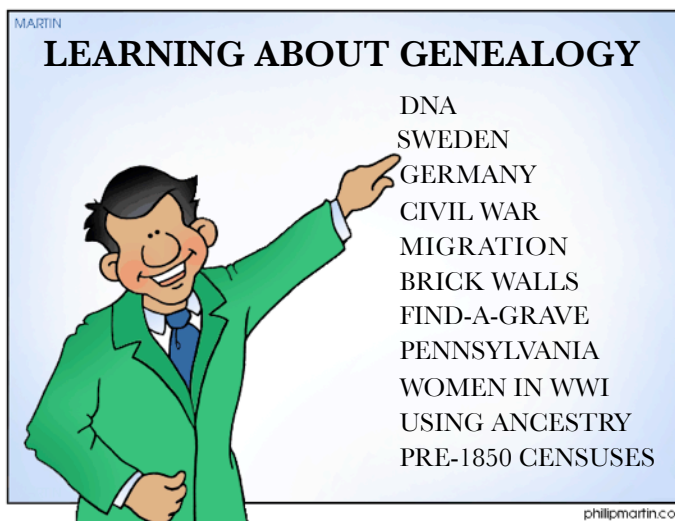
### Wars of Interest:

Civil War  
1812  
U. S. Revolution

### Other Suggestions:

Publish the results of  
the survey.

## Topics and Speakers Coming in 2015



### January 18

Dave Werts will present “What Your Speech Reveals About Your Ancestors,” and Ted Gostin will speak about “Brick Walls: 3 Case Studies.”

### February 15

Connie Moretti will tell us about “The War Between the States in California,” and Mary Anne Vincent will show us how to find our ancestors in “Civil War Prison Camps.”

### March 15

Gena Philibert-Ortega will present two talks: “Women in World War One” and “Finding Your Female Ancestors in Newspapers.”

### April 19

Gordon Seyffert will speak about “German Research and the IGS Library,” and Eric Siess will introduce us to “Swedish Immigration Research.”

### May 17

Randy Seaver will present two talks: “Searching Ancestry.com Effectively” and “Discovering Your Pennsylvania Ancestors.”

### June 21

Our members will show and tell and help each other while eating ice cream—what could be better?!?

### July 19

Susan Roberge will present “Westward Migrations of French-Canadian Ancestors,” and Jane Neff Rollins will follow with, “Using Labor Union Documents for Genealogy Research.”

### August 16

Lisa Schumacher will talk about, “Pre-1850 Censuses: Putting Names on the Tic Marks,” and Mary Van Orsdol will present, “New Netherlands Research: New York in the Colonial Period.”

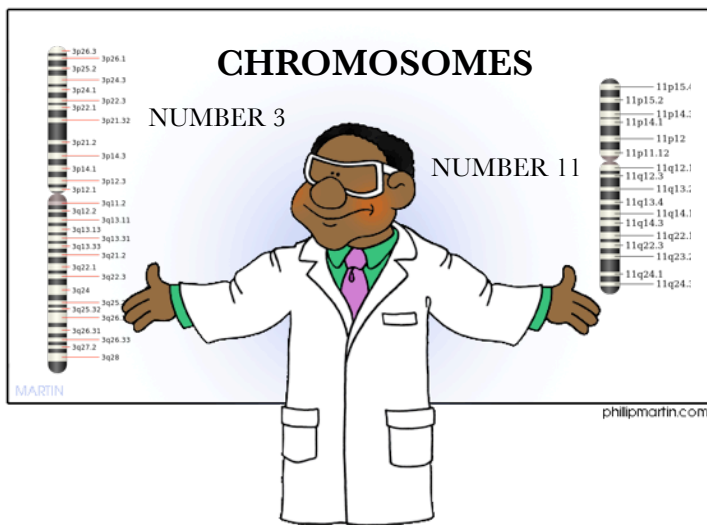
### September 20

Pam Wiedenbeck will help us learn about “Beginning French-Canadian Genealogy” and John Schmal will follow with, “Research in México.”

### October 18

Dick Humphrey will present, “Using Find-a-Grave for Genealogical Purposes,” and Christina McKillip will tell us about her own “DNA Success Stories.”

## Genetic Genealogy News



### Follow-Up: It's Too Late to Transfer Your Y-DNA Information

On June 6, [Dick Eastman] wrote a brief article with the title of “Now Is the Time to Transfer Your Y-DNA and Autosomal DNA, Information at <http://goo.gl/MfL5fD>.”

[Dick] wrote: “Ancestry.com™ announced that the company will no longer sell Y-DNA and mtDNA tests. Even worse, the results from past Y-DNA and mtDNA tests will no longer be available after September 5, 2014. Ancestry.com™ apparently will erase all of its customers’ Y-DNA and mtDNA test results....”

It is no surprise that Ancestry.com™ has now completed what they announced they would do. Read an article by Roberta Estes at <http://dna-explained.com/2014/10/02/ancestry-destroys-irreplaceable-dna-database/> which describes the destruction of Ancestry’s Y and mtDNA databases.

The preceding article is from *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter* dated October 6, 2014, and is copyright 2014 by Richard W. Eastman.

### 10th Annual Family Tree DNA Conference in Houston, Texas

Go to <http://dna-explained.com/2014/10/> for a recap of the Tenth Annual Family Tree DNA Conference which was held in Houston, Texas, on October 10–12, 2014. You can also download Tim Janzen’s advanced Powerpoint presentation on autosomal DNA results at <http://tinyurl.com/p22cjo4>.

### Native American DNA Studies

Anna Lemind’s article, “DNA Analysis Shows That Native American Genealogy Is One of the Most Unique in the World,” can be read on *The Mind Unleashed* website at <http://themindunleashed.org/2014/08/dna-analysis-shows-native-american-genealogy-one-unique-world.html>.

## WELSH DNA PROJECT

### New Welsh DNA Project is Announced

A groundbreaking new DNA project is aimed at finding out, “Who are the Welsh exactly?” The ambitious scheme... hopes to take DNA samples from thousands of individuals in order to trace Welsh lineage back over many thousands of years to find out where their ancestors first came from.

Project organizers hope that many Welsh men and women come forward to take the test...in an effort to discover just how Welsh they really are.

You can read more in the *Daily Post* at <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/who-welsh-mass-genetic-testing-7822790> and take part at <http://www.cymrudnawales.com/>

*Eastman’s Newsletter*  
28 September 2014.

## CANADIAN ETHNICITIES IN WWI



Scots



Irish



French

## World War I: Canadian Resources

Do you have Canadian ancestors who fought in World War I or U.S. ancestors who crossed the border and enlisted early to fight for Canada? Canada entered the war on August 4, 1914, when Britain declared war on Germany, three years before the United States did so on April 6, 1917; and genealogical information on the Canadian enlistment records is much more extensive than on U.S. WWI draft registration cards.

Don't stop looking for your Canadian WWI veterans as soon as you find them in the three Canadian WWI databases that are available on Ancestry.com. The following page has a list of **additional websites** that contain information about the history of Canada in WWI — websites

where you will find out more about not only the Scots, Irish and French citizens who were recruited, but also about various ethnic groups who fought for Canada: over 1,000 Black/African-American soldiers from Edmonton, Alberta, and close to 4,000 First Peoples/Native American soldiers from various provinces.

### Americans Fighting in Canadian Forces: The "American Legion"

Find out about the Americans who fought for Canada in WWI at this website, then click on the link at the bottom of the article to view rosters of U.S. soldiers in the 97th Battalion, the 211th Battalion and the 213th

Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. <http://www.americansatwarinforeignforces.com/canadian-expeditionary-forces--american-legion.html>

### "American Legion" Battalions

The **97th Battalion, CEF**, embarked for Britain on 19 September 1916 to provide reinforcements for the Canadian Corps in the field. Based in Toronto, Ontario, the 97th was commanded first by Lt.-Col. A. B. Clark and second by Lt.-Col. W. L. Jolly.

The **211th Battalion, CEF** was based in Vancouver, British Columbia. After sailing to England in December 1916, the battalion was transferred to the Canadian Railway Troops in March 1917. The 211th had one Officer

Commanding: Lieut.-Col. W. M. Sage.

The **212th Battalion, CEF** was based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It disbanded while still in Canada, and the men were transferred to the 97th Battalion, CEF. The 212th had one Officer Commanding: Lieut.-Col. E. C. Pitman.

The **213th Battalion, CEF** was based in Toronto, Ontario. After sailing to England in January 1917, the battalion was absorbed into the 4th reserve Battalion. The 213th had one Officer Commanding: Lieutenant Colonel B. J. McCormick.

The **237th Battalion** was based in Sussex, New Brunswick.

—information above from *Wikipedia*



## World War I: More Canadian Resources

### Library and Archives Canada

**WWI:** Library and Archives Canada holds the personnel records for the 600,000 Canadians who enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the First World War (1914-1918). To identify the file references for nurses, chaplains and soldiers, you can search the Soldiers of the First World War database. <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/022-909.006-e.html>

### French Canada and Recruitment in WWI

<http://www.warmuseum.ca/education/online-educational-resources/dispatches/french-canada-and-recruitment-during-the-first-world-war/>

### “Fight or Farm?” the French-Canada Farmers’ Dilemma

<http://www.journal.forces.gc.ca/vol13/no2/page57-eng.asp>

### Canadian Military Heritage

**Project:** Find your ancestors! <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canmil/ww1/>

### Military Museums of Calgary, Alberta

<http://www.themilitarymuseums.ca/ww1-service-records>

### Researching Canadian Soldiers of the First World War

[http://regimentalrogue.com/misc/researching\\_first\\_world\\_war\\_soldiers\\_part1.htm](http://regimentalrogue.com/misc/researching_first_world_war_soldiers_part1.htm)

### Queen’s University Archives Canadian Women in WWI

<http://archives.queensu.ca/Exhibits/archres/wwi-intro/women.html>

### Canadian Naval Operations WWI

<http://canadasnavalmemorial.ca/history/battles-and-conicts/world-war-i-1914-1918/>

### Canadian Great War Project:

Transcribed war diaries  
<http://www.canadiangreatwarproject.com/WarDiaries/DiaryList.asp>

### The Canadian Encyclopedia

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/first-world-war-wwi/>

### 10 Quick Facts: Canada in WWI

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/information-for-educators/facts-cananda-involvement-first-world-war>

### History Learning Site Vimy

[http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/canada\\_world\\_war\\_one.htm](http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/canada_world_war_one.htm)

### CBC Digital Archives of Radio Programs re WWI

<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/categories/war-conflict/first-world-war/first-world-war.html>

### National Film Board of Canada

<http://www3.nfb.ca/ww1/>

**More Links available at** [http://wwi.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Links\\_to\\_Other\\_WWI\\_Sites#Canada](http://wwi.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Links_to_Other_WWI_Sites#Canada)

**Google Books:** *Cross-Border Warriors: Canadians in American Forces, Americans in Canadian Forces*, by Fred Gaffen.

### USE THE CANADA GENWEB



## CANADIAN ETHNICITIES IN WWI

### Canada’s All-Black Battalion

In 1916, Canadian enlistment figures fell from 30,000 to 6,000 per month, while the year-end goal was a force of 500,000.

When Reverend C.W.

Washington of Edmonton [Alberta] offered to raise an all-

Black battalion, military officials authorized the creation of the No. 2

Construction Battalion. The battalion served in France with the Canadian Forestry Corps. <http://blackhistorycanada.ca/timeline.php?id=1900>

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### First Peoples

Close to 4,000 members of the Canadian

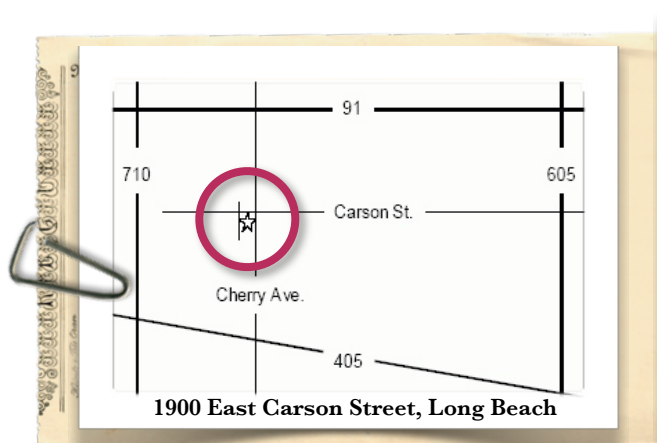
Expeditionary Force were of aboriginal descent, an astonishing

number given the limited civil rights accorded Canada’s

First Peoples in the early twentieth century. <http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/guerre/first-nations-e.aspx>

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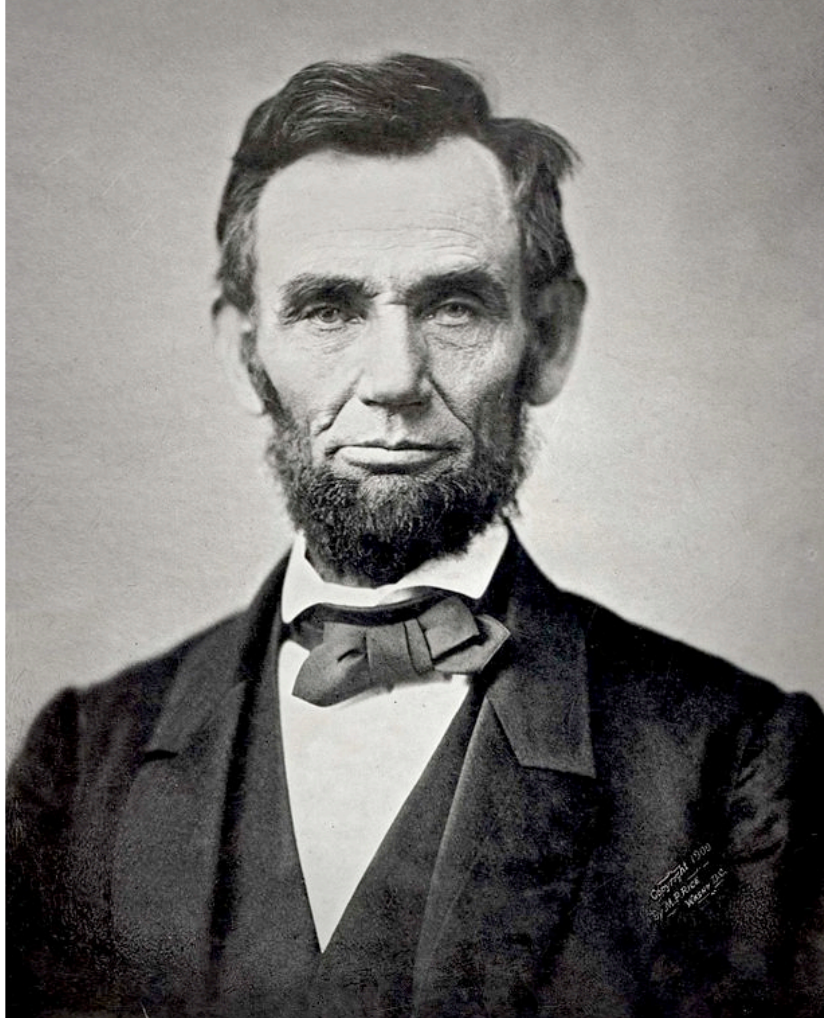
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Saturday, November 22, 2014  
Second Lincoln Shrine Band Tattoo  
Redlands, California



### **Lincoln Shrine Band Tattoo**

After a successful inaugural event last year, the **Lincoln Memorial Shrine** will host the second Lincoln Shrine Band Tattoo on **Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 a.m.** The Camp Carleton Cornet Band and the Mountain Fifes and Drums, each dressed in Civil War uniforms, will be playing the same songs military bands played during the Civil War; and, President Lincoln himself will attend to read the Gettysburg Address. The Lincoln Memorial Shrine is located at 125 W. Vine St. in Redlands, across the park from A.K. Smiley Public Library. For more information, please contact the Lincoln Shrine at (909)798-7632 or visit <http://www.lincolnshrine.org/>