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QHGS Meeting on December 21: Annual Pot Luck Luncheon and Installation of Officers for 2015-2016



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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 96)

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Annual Pot Luck Luncheon and Installation of Officers

MEETING AGENDA

DECEMBER 21, 2014

Starting at 1:00 p.m., we will have a short business meeting during which our new officers for the 2015-2016 term will be installed by Past President Jeanette Jones. After the installation of Terry



Hamilton, President, Kathy Latham, 2nd Vice-President, Glenn Haas, Director-at-Large in charge of Publicity, and Tina Yanis, Director-at-Large in charge of Hospitality, we will fill our plates at the pot luck table and eat while visiting with old friends. **If you didn't sign up in November to bring an appetizer, salad, hot dish or dessert, come to the pot luck and bring your holiday specialty!** We'll talk about our "Milestones and Millstones of 2014," sharing genealogical triumphs and troubles. Then we'll play several rounds of "Genealogy Bingo," the QHGS game created by Jeanette Jones. See you there!

COMING NEXT MONTH

JANUARY 18, 2015

January speakers: Have you ever shaken your head at an over-active child's "shenanigans"? There must be some Irish in your background! QHGS member **Dave Werts** will start 2015 off with his interesting exploration of how the way we speak reveals our genealogical heritage. Following Dave's talk, **Ted Gostin** will give a presentation about brick wall demolition using three examples: finding parents of a post-revolutionary American ancestor in New York, proving Juaneño ancestry in a California Latino family, and tracing a Polish-Jewish immigrant in England.

FAMILYSEARCH® CENTERS

LOCAL BRANCHES

FSC stands for FamilySearch Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. FSCs are open and free of charge to members of the general public interested in doing genealogical research. Information about the **Los Angeles FSC** is available at 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

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Happy Holidays to everybody! Our pot luck is going to be a great get-together so don't miss the chance to meet old friends and make some new ones. It doesn't seem possible that I've been president for two years already—the time has really gone by fast. 2014 was a big year for me. I knocked down a couple of stubborn brick walls, but still have a lot to go, especially ones built by the "Traveling Dunbars!" (sounds like a rock band, doesn't it?). Interesting (that's gen-speak for "notorious") ancestors sure make for interesting research!! May the holidays bring you health and happiness as we look forward to another great year at Questing Heirs. —Terry Hamilton

TREASURER'S REPORT

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

We are trying to increase our donations from companies we patronize without requiring a lot of effort from our members. The two successful dinner nights at **Papalucci's** restaurant this year brought in the largest amount. We encourage every QHGS member to visit **Papalucci's** whenever you get the urge to "eat Italian," and say "thanks." The next largest donation was from **Ralphs**. Every September we need each QHGS member to take the letter that is sent in your dues renewal notice to Ralphs so a checker can scan the bar code. That

way your purchases will count for another year. Ralphs is part of the Kroger Company, as is **Food4Less** and **Fred Meyer Jewelry** (located in Westminster Mall). We received an unexpected check due to a member shopping at Food4Less and are not sure if Fred Meyer Jewelry purchases will also count, but give them your phone number if you shop there and are registered with Ralphs. We continue to



receive donations from **Amazon**, but you need to click on their logo at <http://www.qhgs.info/shop> to have the code for qhgs added to the url each time you shop. I never remembered to do that when shopping. Now I've changed my shipping name (not my credit card name) on their website to "Christine QH Elia" and when I am about to pay, my "initials" remind me to go to our website, then return to Amazon's checkout. (Add our initials to your name by clicking on Your Account > Account > Change Account Settings [under Settings]) Thank you for all who have made direct donations to us or have shopped with our partners. We appreciate it! —Christine Elia, Treasurer

FINANCE REPORT

Christine Elia

October Income
\$696.73
October Expenses
\$215.00
F & M Bank Balance
\$7,715.07,
\$2,749.06 of which
is restricted to
educational expenses

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our
December
Hosts
will be
YOU!

Many thanks
to our
November Hosts:
Kathy AKAU,
Laurie ANGEL
and
Frances LIEBZEIT

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Members attending
November's
meeting: 37

We were happy to see
our returning guest
Laurie Gilmore,

and we give a
**Warm Welcome to
New Member
Caroll Ohlinder**

Webinars and Special Events

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“HeritageQuest Online—The Ins and Outs,” on **Tuesday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. PST.** Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7159116276516038146>.

Southern California Genealogical Society:

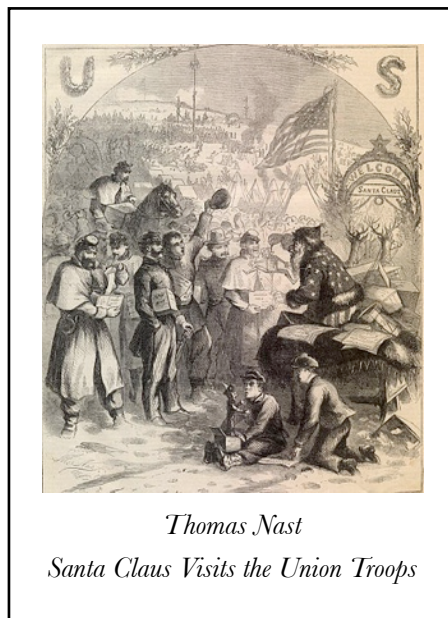
“Bundling, Banns, and Bonds: Love and Marriage in Early America,” on **Saturday, December 6** at <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jcs-index.html>.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“Lost in Your Cemetery Research? FindAGrave Can Help Unearth Your Ancestors,” on **Tuesday, December 16, at 5:00 p.m. PST.** Register: <http://tinyurl.com/kam4tbk>. Webinar ID:114-532-475.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LONG BEACH

HSLB will hold a **Sharing Day** on **Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, at 4260 Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach. The Society will be collecting historical materials related to the direct effects on Long Beach as a result of the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Materials selected will relate to the Pearl Harbor attack and local events and impacts between December, 1941 and December, 1942. Topics will include the United States Military, civilian defense, the economy, the people, and the community of Long Beach. Share your photographs taken in Long Beach—letters—journals—diaries—printed materials—documents—pay stubs—event programs. Regretfully, HSLB cannot accept or include the rich memorabilia of all local World War II veterans not associated with Pearl Harbor. For more information about this sharing opportunity go to http://hslb.org/calendar_of_events/long-beach-world-war-ii-sharing-day-project-kick-off-history-talk/. Enjoy refreshments while HSLB makes copies of your treasures so you can take them home with you. Please allow 2 hours for scanning and copying. **RSVP 562-424-2220.**

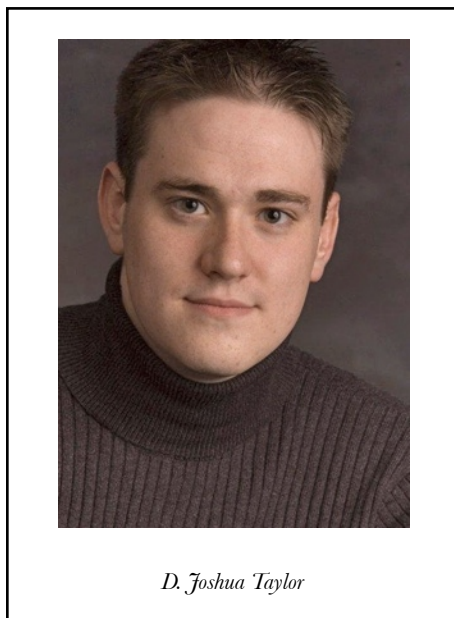


Thomas Nast
Santa Claus Visits the Union Troops

A CIVIL WAR AND VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

On **Friday, December 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** the **Banning Museum** will hold its annual **Victorian Christmas Luncheon** at 401 East M Street, Wilmington. Those attending will enjoy an elegant plated lunch, holiday entertainment, and a special sneak preview of the Banning Museum decorated for a Victorian Christmas. Please call 310-548-2005 for reservations. On **Saturday, December 6** and **Sunday, December 7** from **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at 1052 N. Banning Blvd., Wilmington, the **Drum Barracks** will host “**A Civil War Christmas.**” This is the 15th Annual Holiday Celebration. It is an event that should not be missed and one that has become a holiday tradition for thousands. On the same days and at the same times, the **Banning Museum** will hold its annual “**Victorian Christmas Weekend**” featuring Victorian period entertainment, self-guided tours of the Museum, and a visit from jolly St. Nick. Visitors will also enjoy a visit from Queen Victoria! The Banning Museum and the Drum Barracks Museum sponsor free horse-drawn carriage rides between the two sites, and **admission to both museums and the carriage rides are all free.**

Genealogy Events in Southern California



D. Joshua Taylor



Geoffrey D. Rasmussen

SDGS SEMINAR

San Diego Genealogical Society will present its **Family History Seminar** on **Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Marina Village in the Captain's Room, 1936 Quivira Way, San Diego. The **featured speaker** will be **D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS.** He is the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and is a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. D. Joshua will present four lectures:

Session 1: "Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1780 and 1830"

Session 2: "The Modern-Genealogist: Timesaving Tips for Every Researcher"

Session 3: "Our States Archives: Digital Collections and More"

Session 4: "New Tools and Ideas in Research"

Please register early as seating is limited, and SDGS expects the seminar to fill rapidly. The fees for this event: \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. This price includes all four sessions by the speaker as well as the welcoming coffee/tea and pastries and a sandwich box lunch. Marina Village has free parking. For more information go to <http://www.casdgs.org/>.

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 speaker** 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.

CSGA CALIFORNIA RESOURCES

Do you make use of resources at the **California State Genealogical Alliance** website?

CSGA is an organization that provides information to genealogists with a special interest in California.

Open the **CSGA** home page at <http://www.csga.com/> and click on the word “California”

to access statewide resources.

If you want research instruction, go to the menu bar and select “CA Research Aid.” You will see 12 links to open for more help.

Interested in a specific county? Click the county of your choice on the map, and you will find information about the county itself as well as links to libraries, archives, newspapers, maps, land records, vital records, and genealogical societies in that county.

Genealogy and the Great Depression

We all know how difficult it is to find records that are “recent” (within the last 100 years); so, if you or your ancestors experienced any part of the Great Depression, and you’ve been wondering where to find more information about the 1930s, be sure to check out “FDR’s Alphabet Soup.”

This is a series of posts on the California State Genealogical Alliance Blog that describes 19 agencies created during the Great Depression. Each post gives hints on how to use the

agencies’ records to augment your genealogical research. The articles, written by Cath Madden Trindle, are jam-packed with information and helpful links—a historical treasure trove that everyone should explore. Visit <http://www.csga.com/Blog/> to access past monthly posts.

FDR’s Alphabet Soup—Records from the Great Depression <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2012/09/12/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-from-the-great-depression/>

WPA Historical Records Survey <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2014/03/15/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-from-the-great-depression-13/>

PWA Public Works Administration <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2013/08/15/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-from-the-great-depression-6/>

CCC Civilian Conservation Corps <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2012/12/26/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-of-the-great-depression/>

NRA National Recovery Administration <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2014/08/15/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-of-the-great-depression-5/>

FDIC Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2014/02/15/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-from-the-great-depression-12/>

REA Rural Electrification Administration <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2013/05/15/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-from-the-great-depression-4/>

FCA Farm Credit Administration <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2013/11/15/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-from-the-great-depression-10/>

FHA Federal Housing Administration <http://www.csga.com/Blog/2014/10/15/fdrs-alphabet-soup-records-of-the-great-depression-4/>

In addition to the agencies listed above, eleven more, posted between 2012 and 2014, are on the CSGA Blog.

For your viewing enjoyment:

[WPA \(Works Progress Administration\) – 1937](#)



John McCoy's Genetic Genealogy News

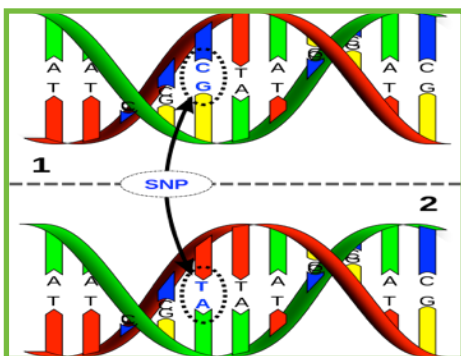
For the last few months I have been tied up with jury duty. There wasn't time to deal with the complexities of genetic genealogy, but the actual source of these complexities might surprise you. Taking an autosomal DNA test, such as AncestryDNA or the Family Finder test from FTDNA is easy, and when at last the results come back, you get a list of "matches". The hard part is dealing with the "features" on the vendors' web sites.

FTDNA reworked their Family Finder

web pages, with great fanfare, in such a way that I no longer have any idea how to use them for anything but the simplest tasks. There used to be a simple way to upload a GEDCOM file that your "matches" could easily view. That part of the site is now so convoluted, so awkward to use, and so full of problems, that almost nobody seems to be uploading their pedigrees; and, some people found the changes so unworkable that they deleted the pedigrees they had already posted. The one feature everyone agrees is needed, a simple, compact "pedigree view," is still nowhere to be seen.

Meanwhile, the free GEDmatch.com web site suffered a series of server failures. The site has moved to new servers, but the problems continue, and now the most useful tools are only accessible to "Tier 1" users, i.e. those who have made donations to the

GEDmatch web site in the past year. The "free" web site is no longer completely free. The triangulation tools are working again, provided you can get to them, but the recent problems seem to have discouraged people from posting their pedigrees on this site as well. Many DEDmatch users don't seem to know what a GEDCOM file is. **If you need help understanding the GEDmatch web site, just ask at the next Questing Heirs meeting.**



In spite of these problems, I can see that there are a handful of good genetic matches for both of my parents that I can't explain. I look forward to solving these mysteries! A first step is to contact these people and convince them to share their pedigrees. DNA data give us clues, but we need the genealogical data in order to explain a "match." —John McCoy

ISOGG BOOK LIST

GENETIC GENEALOGY

Want to learn more about DNA and how it applies to your family history? The International Society of Genetic Genealogy has a list of **60 genetic genealogy books** at its online wiki: http://www.isogg.org/wiki/Genetic_genealogy_books. Check it out!

NEW DNA BOOK

The Guide to DNA Testing

Richard Hill has released version 2 of his *Guide to DNA Testing: How to Identify Ancestors, Confirm Relationships, and Measure Ethnic Ancestry through DNA Testing*. The ebook is available as a Kindle book. It sells for the modest price of 99 cents (U.S.).

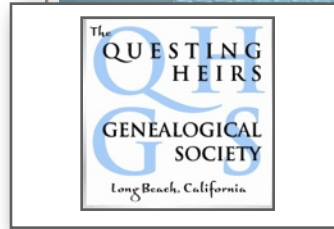
The Guide is a brief overview designed to help people (1) see the benefits of genetic genealogy and (2) take the right tests for their needs. By offering this to the huge Amazon audience, Richard hopes to get many more genealogists to take the leading tests. As these databases grow, we will all get more and better matches.

You can order *The Guide to DNA Testing* for 99¢ at <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00O5SCY02> Eastman's Newsletter 30 October 2014.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society 2014



March
L B Historical
Society
Workshop



March
Q H G S
45th
Anniversary

Learning opportunities in the community: Questing Heirs board members Chris Elia and Glenn Haas attended the Nonprofit Financial Conference at El Camino College on March 21. Several members attended the Historical Society of Long Beach's "Newspaper Workshop" on March 27 to learn about the resources in their IPT files, and of course many of us went to the SCGS Genealogy Jamboree in June.



April
Orange County
Family History
Fair



May and October
Fundraisers
Papalucci's
Restaurant

Member accomplishments: Bridget Dole wrote a book about her father and grandmother; Kathy Latham was published twice in the Sonoma County Genealogical Society's journal; Richard Trotter researched in Salt Lake City for the first time; and Susan Roberge gave a presentation to the French-Canadian Heritage Society of California about her family's migration from Québec to California.

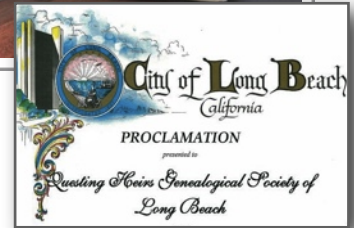
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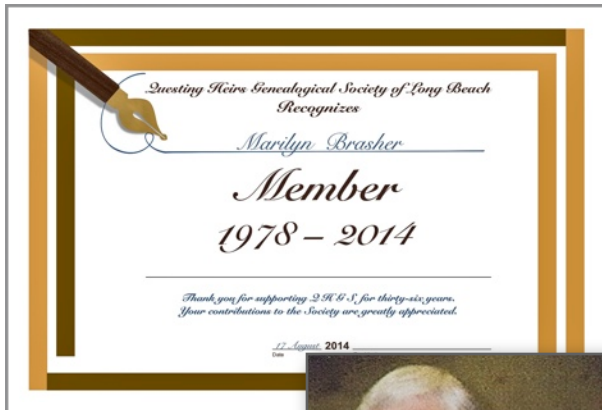
May
Field Trip
Los Angeles
Public Library



July
Digitization of
QHGS Archives
Begins



Questing Heirs members attended the following events and seminars: We supported OCCGS' Genealogy Bash and Book Faire on March 1, and many QHGS members attended the Orange County Family History Fair on April 19. QHGS was also represented at two seminars—one at North Orange County Genealogical Society on August 9, and the other at South Orange County Genealogical Society on October 18.



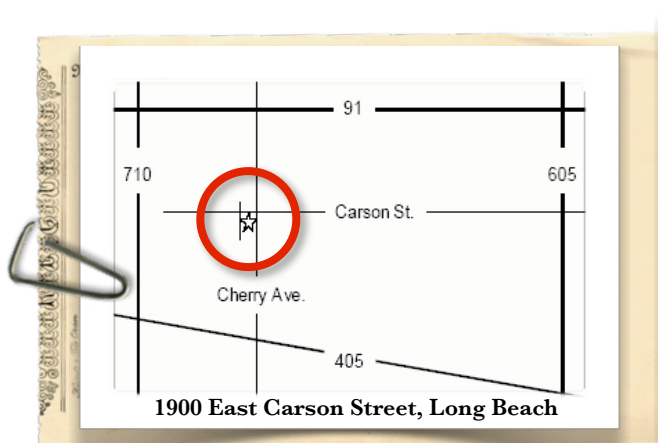
August
Questing Heirs
Member
Recognition



September
New QHGS
Membership
Brochure

Fourteen genealogists joined Questing Heirs in 2014: Deborah Baughman, Darlene Fields-Harris, Leslie Lyons Ford, Margie George, Donna L. Harris, Denise Hofmann, Richard Johnson, John Johnston, Carol Ohlinder, Mary Poissant, Iris Schutz, Shirley Siems Terry, Sue Tisdall and Barbara Vangness. **Free Beginners Class:** meetings resumed in May with Cynthia Day-Elliott leading the group.

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Sunday December 21st at 1:00 p.m.
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ANNUAL POT LUCK LUNCHEON



GOOD FOOD • GOOD FRIENDS • GOOD TIMES



Historical Society of Long Beach
presents



Long Beach Remembers
**PEARL
HARBOR**
1942-A Year That Changed Our City

Share your photographs taken in Long Beach – letters – journals - diaries
- printed materials – documents - pay stubs - event programs. Enjoy
refreshments while we make copies of your treasures so you can take
them home with you. Please allow 2 hours. RSVP 562-424-2220

Community Sharing Day
Sunday, December 7th 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Exhibition Opens 2016
4260 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807
(562) 424-2220 www.hslb.org



Historical Society of Long Beach

Invites you to bring your family heirlooms to

Community Sharing Day
Sunday, December 7th 10:00am-4:00pm
4260 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807

The HSLB is collecting historical materials related to the direct effects on Long Beach as a result of the 1941 Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. The United States' entrance to World War II had far-reaching effects on Long Beach. This project will explore changes to the local infrastructure, economy, and community. Our focus is on Memorial services for those lost at Pearl Harbor - Naval Station and Shipyard - Naval Hospital - Army Air Transport Command Ferrying Division - Relocation of Japanese people - Civil Air Patrol - Pearl Harbor survivor groups - Shipyard workers - Women's roles - Airplane spotters.

Some items collected will be used in an exhibition that opens on December 7, 2016,
the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.