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QHGS Meeting Place Changes Again!

Our May 17 Meeting Will Be in a New Location

See Supplemental Pages A and B for Information



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OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month at **1:00 p.m.**

at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 5950 E. Willow St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 40)**

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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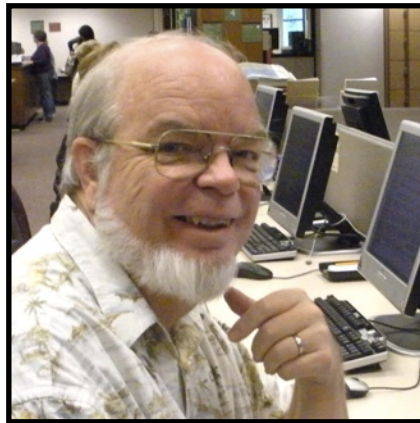


**“Using Ancestry.com Effectively”
“Discovering Your Pennsylvania Ancestors”**

MEETING AGENDA

MAY 17, 2015

Starting at 1:00 p.m., nationally-known genealogist and blogger **Randy Seaver** will present a talk showing us how to use the new ancestry.com



website more effectively. We all need help using ancestry.com because the website’s interface seems to change every few months, and the “improvements” made are not always immediately obvious to users of the site. After our snack break, **at 2:30 p.m., Randy will return** to tell us about finding ancestors in Pennsylvania. Quoting from Randy’s blog: “In this presentation, Randy will describe the sources for vital records, land records, probate records, town records, family history books and periodical articles for Pennsylvania resources, including significant brick-and-mortar repositories and online research opportunities.”

ABOUT OUR FEATURED SPEAKER

RANDY SEAVER

Randy is a native San Diegan, a graduate of San Diego State University, a retired aerospace engineer, a genealogist for over 24 years, and a family guy. He is the newsletter editor of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society and also belongs to the Computer Genealogical Society of San Diego and the San Diego Genealogical Society. Randy won the “Genea-Speak Award” for excellence in writing, speaking, and the promoting of good genealogical practices in 2009, and his blog, *Genea-Musings*, is a featured link on our QHGS website. He and his wife (Angel Linda) have two lovely daughters and four darling grandchildren; and their travels have taken them all over the USA, to England, Down Under, and Scandinavia.—<http://www.geneamusings.com/>

SHOW AND TELL NEXT MONTH

JUNE 21, 2015

Our June meeting will have ice cream, pizza, and input from our members about their problems, successes and genealogical discoveries during the past year. **Sign-up sheets will be available at the May meeting;** so, if you would like to share a success or ask for help, please sign up so our program director will know how much time will be needed to accommodate as many members as possible. Thank you!

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

QHGS HAS A NEW HOME

April sure was an exciting month! We met at a temporary meeting place, and then finally found **a permanent home for QHGS at Los Altos United Methodist Church**. Check out our new meeting place at the following address: **5950 E. Willow Street**, and print the map on the supplement pages. Cleaning up gravestones at Sunnyside was satisfying work, and we thank Chris Elia for making this volunteer opportunity possible. Now we have another task that we can do as a group: make our fundraiser on Tuesday, May 5th, at Papalucci's a success. See you all at our May 17 meeting at LAUMC!

—Terry Hamilton

QHGS NEWSLETTER

CSGA PUBLICATIONS AWARD

The *Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Newsletter* has received a Publications Award from the California State Genealogical Alliance. Previous recipients include the following California genealogical societies: Corona, East Bay-Oakland, Livermore-Amador, Modesto, Monterey County, Paradise, Shasta County, and Tuolumne County; and the Immigrant Genealogical Society, the Sacramento German Genealogical Society, and the Society of Hispanic History and Research.

FUNDRAISER AT PAPALUCCI'S TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

Celebrate "Quinto di Maggio" (that's Italian for "Cinco de Mayo") at Papalucci's Italian Restaurant this year, and make our fundraiser a success!



We will be enjoying Italian food at 4611 E. Second Street in Belmont Shore. **Papalucci's now has gluten-free pizza and ravioli** so there is something for everyone. You don't need a flyer to attend—just show up and eat with your QHGS gen-pals.

QHGS BEGINNERS' CLASS

RESUMES ON MAY 17

The QHGS Beginners' Class, taught by Cynthia Day-Elliott, will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. after our regular meeting is over. Join other "newbies" and have fun learning about genealogy.

FINANCE REPORT

Chris Elia

March Income
\$165.02

March Expenses
\$353.21

F & M Bank Balance
\$7531.32,
of which \$2599.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our
May Hosts
will be
Cynthia
DAY-ELLIOTT,
Frances LIEBZEIT,
and
Kathy LATHAM

Many thanks
to our April hosts:
Linda Artuso,
Denise Hofmann,
Sandy Hollandsworth
and Linda Ryan

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at
April's meeting: 48

A Warm Welcome to our Guests:

Linda Brady
Patti Chamberlin
Sharon Geshardt
Bruce Jeske
Audrey Kramer

Webinars and Internet News

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Need Direction? Try City Directories!” presented by Jean Wilcox Hibben, on **Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. More accessible than ever, City Directories can fill in blanks between census years, opening new chapters in your family history research. Learn how to find, navigate, and cite this valuable record source. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6094939660972982529>.

Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between May 3 and May 27**: “Genealogy 101, a 3-Session Course in Beginning Genealogy—Part 2,” “After You’re Gone—Future-Proofing Your Genealogy Research,” “Genealogy Bank—The Power of Finding Our Ancestor’s Stories,” “Martha Benschura—Enemy Alien,” and “Migration Patterns East of the Mississippi Prior to 1860.”

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented on May 2 and 20**: “Around Brick Walls Sideways: Using Collateral Lines,” by Gary M. Smith, and “The WPA Era: What It Created for Genealogists,” by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“Complete Photo Restoration in 4 Easy Steps,” presented by Eric Basir on **Tuesday, May 19, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the webinar as well as handout information. Please remember that this is a first-come, first-served webinar. Registering does not hold a spot for you. Those that log in first will be admitted to the webinar. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/43137502920129538>.

DIGITIZED NEWSPAPERS

Several state historical societies and universities have digitized more issues in their newspaper collections. These resources are now searchable online:

- **Arizona** <http://adnp.azlibrary.gov/cdm/search>
- **Colorado** <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/Default/Scripting/Home.Asp?Skin=Colorado>
- **Illinois** <http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/>
- **Indiana** <https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>
- **Iowa** <http://guides.lib.uni.edu/content.php?pid=494690&sid=4068987>
- **Kentucky** <http://athena.uky.edu/>
- **Maryland** <http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/pages/newspaper/digitized.aspx>
- **Minnesota** <http://newspapers.mnhs.org/web/mhsnews/web/imu.php?request=access>
- **Missouri** <http://shs.umsystem.edu/newspaper/mdnp/>
- **New Mexico** <http://econtent.unm.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/dignews>
- **Ohio** <http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers>
- **Oklahoma** http://gateway.okhistory.org/search/?q=&sort=added_d&fq=dc_type%3Atext_newspaper&t=fulltext
- **Oregon** <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>
- **Texas** <http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/browse/>

HISTORIC IMAGES OF POLAND

The primary aim of the Posen/Poznań website is to give visitors a look at how Poznań has changed through time. There are over 1100 original photographs and vintage picture postcards in their pictorial archives. These images include everything from everyday scenes and military life to the streets and monuments of Posen and/or Poznań, from around 1890 to the present day. There are also many old images of smaller locations in the wider Posen/Warthegeau/Wielkopolska province. Because images are scanned and digitized on a regular basis, visit the site at <http://posenpoznan.com/> often. —Thanks to the IGS Newsletter editor for calling your editor’s attention to this website.

Genealogy Events in Southern California

CIVIL WAR LECTURE

On **Saturday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m.** at Rancho Los Cerritos, 4600 Virginia Road in Long Beach, the Civil War lecture series concludes with Dr. Todd W. Wahlstrom's presentation, "**North and South to the Border: Yankees, Confederates, and Mexico after the Civil War.**" Admission is \$7, (\$5 for students with I.D.) and is payable at the door. Seating is limited; so **advance registration is encouraged.** For more information call 562-206-2040. **To view "1890s to 1950s: Last of the Civil War Veterans,"** go to <http://mashable.com/2015/04/10/civil-war-oldest-veterans/>.

POLISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY SEMINAR

The Polish Genealogy Society of California will hold their **25th Anniversary Seminar on Saturday, July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Olivia Avenue, in Lakewood. **Featured speaker Ceil Wendt Jensen** will present four lectures: "A History of Polish Parishes in U.S.," "Advanced Polish Research," "Polish Manors: Downton Abbey Style," and "Old and New Sites for Polish Genealogy." Please go to the PGS-CA website for more information: <http://pgsca.org/>.

GSNOCC SUMMER SEMINAR

The **Genealogical Society of North Orange County California** will hold their **Summer Seminar on Saturday, July 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Danish Church and Cultural Center, 16881 Bastanchury Road, Yorba Linda. **Featured speaker Warren Bittner, CG,** will present four lectures: "Complex Evidence: What It Is, How It Works, Why It Matters," "German Historical Maps and Territories," "Using the 1880 Census to Solve a 1770 Research Problem," and "Finding Unusual Sources to Solve Brick Wall Problems." Pre-registration postmarked by July 3rd is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. A box lunch may be pre-ordered for \$10. For more information go to <http://www.gsnocc.org/2015-seminar.html>.

LOCAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Corona Genealogical Society:

"Archival Care of Documents and More," presented by Jennifer Marlatt, **Monday, May 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research (SHHAR):

"Indigenous Background of Western and Northern Mexico," by John Schmal, **Saturday, May 9, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Orange FamilySearch Center, 674 S. Yorba Street, Orange.

South Orange County Genealogical Society:

"Walking Amongst the Dead: Becoming a Cemetery Expert," by Gena Philibert-Ortega, **Saturday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society:

Saturday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m. "WWI Draft Cards," by Pat Chavarria, **and, at 1:00 p.m.,** "Probate Records: My Favorite Record Type!," by Randy Seaver at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

LAPL Genealogy Garage Workshop:

"What is Available in Periodicals?" presented by Genealogy Librarian Julie Huffman, **Saturday, May 16, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Genealogy Dept.-LL4, at the Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles.

South Bay Cities Genealogical Society:

"Diving Into Census Research," presented by Connie Moretti, **Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.** at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

Genealogical Society of North Orange County:

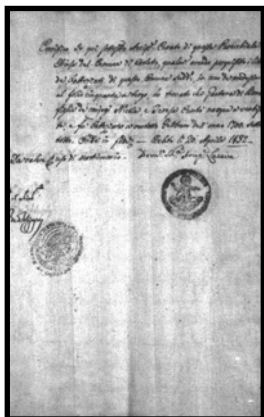
"You're a Descendant of Whom? (and You Can Prove It!)" by Eric Siess, **Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

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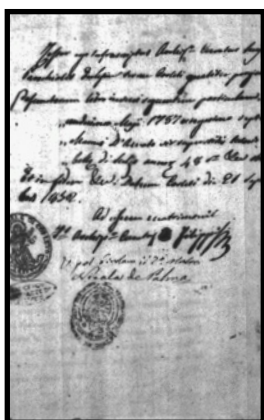
Italian Marriage Documents



1768 Birth



1778 Birth



1787 Death

Many beginning genealogists assume that they will not be able to find any records of their Italian ancestors before 1809 because that is the date when most FamilySearch films begin.

While it is true that *civil* vital records started in 1809 when the Napoleonic Code went into effect, marriage records from 1809 to 1865 often contain copies of *church* records from the 1700s because the Italian legal system requires several documents before a marriage can be performed. These original notarial documents and copies of older records are collected into packets which are filed together, first by marriage number and then by year, at the municipal level and in state archives. Many of these packets, called *allegati* or *processetti*, have been digitized at the FamilySearch website or are available on microfilm from the FSL—an extremely fortunate state of affairs for genealogists!

When researching Italian marriages, note the number on the marriage certificate and find the corresponding packet. Examine the documents inside the marriage packet carefully. The least you will find is the baptism/birth records for the bride and groom, a copy of the banns posted a month previous to the marriage, and a copy of the civil marriage record itself. The



most you can find may include all of the above, as well as death records for each spouse's parents, death records for their grandparents, death records for the former spouses of the current bride and groom, original documents recording parental consent, and the record of the church marriage.

Had I accepted the evidence that my 4G grandmother Gaetana DiBona's marriage to Francesco Paolo Pinto took place "c. 1805," and not bothered to search further, I would never have found her two subsequent marriages in 1818 and 1832 which yielded 1.) the death record of Gaetana's father (1783), 2.) the birth record of Gaetana herself (1778), 3.) the name of one of my 6G grandfathers (it was in Gaetana's mother's consent document appended to the third marriage), and 4.) the surprising fact that Gaetana's first husband, Francesco Paolo Pinto, my 4G grandfather, had died, not in Corleto Perticara as I had assumed, but in the provincial capitol of Potenza—in prison!

You can do this, too! More help with researching Italian marriage records may be found at [Italian Marriage Records More Than You Think](#) and [Italian Marriage Document Translations](#). *Buona fortuna!!!!*

—Penny Nugent

Researching Your Maternal Lines

May is Mother's Day month; so, let's look at some websites and articles which will help us research our maternal lines:

"Finding Females in Your Family Tree" is a free 60-minute video class. View it at <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/finding-females-in-your-family-tree/76>.



"Ways to Uncover the Maternal Lines in Your Family" <http://rhosynwen.hubpages.com/hub/Ways-to-Uncover-the-Maternal-Lines-of-Your-Ancestry>.

"The Maternal Genealogy and Family Tree Page" <http://www.genealogytoday.com/surname/finder.mv?Surname=Maternal>.

"Maiden Name" is at <http://www.genealogy.com/articles/research/00000516.html>.

"Maiden Names: Tips for Finding Them in Your Research" http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~katw/Maiden_Names.htm.

"Finding a Wife's Maiden Name" <http://www.pricegen.com/resources/uk-and-ireland-articles/female-ancestors-finding-a-wifes-maiden-name/>.

The following ten articles were contributed to the FamilySearch WIKI by [The National Institute for](http://www.nationalinstitute.org)

[Genealogical Studies](#) in June of 2012. They are excerpts from the course [Research: Grandmothers, Mothers and Daughters - Tracing Women](#) by Lisa Alzo, M.F.A. and are copyrighted; so, your editor cannot reproduce any of the content here. However, you can access them by going to the FamilySearch

WIKI at <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Special:Search?fulltext=true&search=female+ancestors&searchbutton=Search>:

- Introduction to Tracing Women
- Telling "Her" Story
- Tracing Women: Using Home and Family Sources
- Tracing Women: Understanding Historical Context
- Tracing Women: Oral Histories and Traditions
- Tracing Women: Using Cluster Genealogy
- Tracing Women: Identifying Maiden Names
- Tracing Women: Using Land, Tax, Probate, Military, Society, and Newspaper Records
- Tracing Women: Further Reading
- Best Websites for Tracing Women

—Penny Nugent

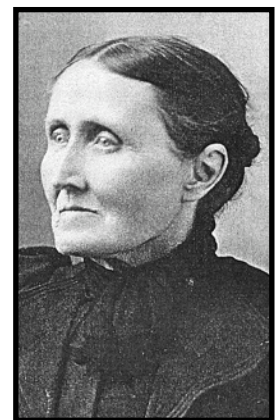
MOTHER'S DAY LINE-UP



Mother



Grandmother



Great-grandmother

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