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QHGS Meeting on October 18

“Find A Grave for the Family Historian”

“Family Ties and DNA”



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OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month beginning at **1:15 p.m.** at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 80)**

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“Find A Grave for the Family Historian” “Family Ties and DNA”

MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 18, 2015

Starting at 1:15 p.m., guest speaker **Dick Humphrey** will present “Find A Grave for the Family Historian.” He will teach us how to understand and evaluate eleven elements of each FAG memorial page and give us tips for locating memorial pages. Dick will tell us how to become a Find A Grave contributor and why we should do so, and he will explain how to request grave photos and give examples of interesting Find A Grave projects linking family memorial pages together. He will also explain how “virtual cemeteries” are created at the site. Before our break, the nominating committee will present its slate of nominees for 2016-2017. After our break, at 2:45 p.m., QHGS member **Christina McKillip** will tell us all about how she has used DNA to discover family ties.

OUR PROGRAM NEXT MONTH

NOVEMBER 15, 2015

QHGS member Christine Elia will speak about her research experiences at the National Archives, and **elections will be held to fill the 2016–2017 QHGS Executive Board vacancies.** You will be electing your First Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director-at-Large.

ABOUT OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS



DICK HUMPHREY

Having retired from teaching science and overseeing the IT department at Harvard-Westlake School, Dick Humphrey creates family history projects such as large tree charts, video slide shows and photo-history books. He is an avid researcher and a 20-year user of Family Tree Maker. A member of the SCGS, he leads the Society’s Family Tree Maker User Group. Dick has completed several photo-history projects which weave historical background, stories, images, and genealogical reports together. As a former teacher, Dick is enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge and experiences with others. If you have questions you would like Dick to address, email him at rlh1335@gmail.com.

CHRISTINA MCKILLIP

Christina is a researcher who is recommended by the Los Angeles Public Library. She specializes in uniting adoptees with birth parents and/or relatives, and she joined Questing Heirs twenty-one years ago in 1994.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

HISTORICAL CEMETERY TOUR



OCTOBER 31, 2015

The Historical Society of Long Beach will present its annual Cemetery Tour on Saturday, October 31, at Sunnyside Cemetery (1095 E. Willow) and Long Beach Memorial Cemetery (1151 E. Willow). Actors will represent real people buried in the cemeteries. Tickets are sold the day of the tour only, from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the entrance. For more information and to view presentations from previous years, go to the HSLB website <http://hslb.org/historical-cemetery-tour/>.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

QHGS ELECTIONS

Please support your club by becoming a member of the Questing Heirs Executive Board. You can help make the important decisions of the 2016-2017 term re: indexing projects, fundraisers, national genealogical undertakings, and future QHGS seminars. Sign up today!
—Terry Hamilton

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2016–2017 NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee will present its slate of nominees for the 2016-2017 QHGS Board at our October meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor, with the nominee's prior consent. If you cannot serve on the board, please consider volunteering to help one of the board members. For example, our 2nd Vice President needs someone to welcome visitors at the door and make them feel welcome; and our 1st Vice President needs someone to distribute speaker handouts at each meeting. Please contact Jeanette Jones at (562) 430-4919 or Terry Hamilton at (562) 596-9382 if you are willing to serve on the QHGS Board, on one of our committees, or in an auxiliary helping position. New people with new ideas are always welcome—we need **YOU!**

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Christine Elia

August Income

\$121.44

August Expenses

\$1,698.65

F & M Bank Balance

\$5,109.10,

of which \$2374.06

is restricted to

educational expenses

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our

**October Hosts
will be**

**Terry Hamilton,
Denise Hofmann,
Jeanette Jones,
and**

Maxine Pitts

Many thanks

to our September hosts:

Bridget Dole,

Sandy Hollandsworth,

and

Frances Liebzzeit

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at our

September

meeting: 47

**A Warm Welcome to
our New Members:**

Cindy Greene

Nina Gustin

Genealogy Events in Southern California



SOC CGS FALL SEMINAR

The **South Orange County California Genealogical Society** will hold its **Fall Seminar, “Search, Find, and Preserve Your Genealogy Data,”** on **Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Mission Viejo City Hall, Saddleback Room, 100 Civic Center Drive, Corner of La Paz and Marguerite, in Mission Viejo. **Featured speaker Dick Eastman** will present four lectures: “MOCAVO: Comparing Its Search Engine to GOOGLE,” “Find Genealogy eBooks For Free and For Pay,” “The Organized Genealogist,” and “Oh My Goodness, Where’s My Data?” Pre-registration received by October 14 is \$25 (tickets will be \$30 at the door). A box lunch may be pre-ordered for \$9. For more information and a pdf flyer go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/>.



NSDCGS FALL SEMINAR

The **North San Diego County Genealogical Society** will hold its **Fall Seminar, “Those Darned Brick Walls!,”** on **Saturday, October 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Street, Carlsbad. **Featured speakers** are **Judy Brooks, Terri Callahan, Margaret Read** and **Mary Van Orsdol**. Pre-register ASAP—seating space is limited, and this seminar will probably sell out. Non-member registration is \$15, and a box lunch may be pre-ordered for \$10. For more information and a pdf flyer go to <http://nsdcgs.org/>.

LOCAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Orange County FamilySearch Library Free Classes:

“Writing Your Interesting Life Story,” will be presented by Dawn Thurston, **Thursday, October 1, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Orange FamilySearch Center, 674 S. Yorba Street, Orange.

Orange County Genealogical Society:

“Mugbooks and County Histories” and “Cyndi’s List: Your Personal Internet Catalog for Genealogy,” presented by Francie Kennedy, **Saturday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

Immigrant Genealogical Society:

Discussion group, quarterly meeting, and research assistance for genealogists focussing on Pommern, on **Sunday, October 11, 2:00 p.m.**, at the IGS Library, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society:

“Local History Is Your History,” by Barbara Randall, **Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Los Angeles Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society:

“Reading German Handwriting/Researching German Records,” by Gordon Seyffert, **Saturday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

LAPL Genealogy Garage Workshop:

“Write Your Own Story,” **Saturday, October 17, 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. Before you write about your ancestors, preserve your own personal history for the future. Otherwise, your life and who you are can be reinterpreted by a cousin you barely knew, or a grandchild who remembers you only as a senior citizen! For more information: <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/genealogy-garage-citing-sources-saves-time-trouble>.

Online Learning and An Important Genealogy Event

SOCIETY WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Polish Genealogy—Four Steps to Successful Research” presented by Steve Szabados, on **Tuesday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. When did your Polish ancestors immigrate? Why did they leave? How did they get here? The program outlines a simple process that will identify where your ancestors were born and where to find their Polish records. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8211336816720900865>.

Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between October 7 and October 28**: “Wearables and Genealogy—Wacky and Wild or Worth the Wait,” “Colonial Immigration—The English Pioneers of Early America,” “What Happened to the State of Frankland—Using Tennessee’s Pre-Statehood Records,” and “Complex Evidence.”

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: **Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m.**: “Ten Steps to Better Genealogy,” by Eric W. Siess, CG. **Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m.**: “The Devil is in the Details: Overlooking Minutiae Can Create Lineage Limbo,” by Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, CG.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“NARA: Chicago,” by Jane Haldeman on **Tuesday, October 20, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. The National Archives at Chicago holds Federal records from agencies in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin dating from the 1800s. These documents include Territorial papers, naturalization information, military, tax, and Postal Service records, Court Cases, and much more information. Learn what’s available and how to access these rich resources.. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3395203212653281281>.

FAMILYSEARCH WEBINARS

United States/Canada Research Team:

“Church and Cemetery Records,” on **Thursday, October 8, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**.

“Finding Original Records: The Real Game of Hide and Seek,” on **Thursday, October 22, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**.

Registration information and handouts are at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Online_Webinars_from_the_United_States/Canada_Research_Team#Webinar_Schedule.

British Isles Research Team:

Intermediate Level English Genealogy Webinars

“A Royal Flush or Not? Understanding the Differences between Royalty, Nobility and Gentry,” on **Monday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m. PDT**.

“Say What? Understanding Abbreviations, Dates, and Other Things Found in English Records,” on **Tuesday, October 13, at 10:00 a.m. PDT**.

“Understanding Which English Church Records Are Online,” on **Wednesday, October 14, at 10:00 a.m. PDT**.

“England: Records from the Grave,” on **Thursday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m. PDT**.

“Researching Records in Pre-1837 England,” on **Friday, October 16, at 10:00 a.m. PDT**.

Registration information and handouts are at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Online_Webinars_from_the_British_Isles_Team.

SPECIAL GENEALOGY LECTURE

Beyond Passenger Lists:

Documenting 20th Century Immigrant Lives

US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Historian **Zack Wilske** at the **Huntington Beach Central Library**, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, in rooms C&D at **1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7th**. Admission: \$5 before October 1st; \$7 after October 1st. **Reserve your seat TODAY!!!** The room capacity is 130, and **this event is sure to sell out**. Send your check to OCJGS, P. O. Box 7141, Newport Beach, CA 92658. More information at <http://www.ocjgs.org/>.

Celebrate Family History Month: “Ancestor Awards”

Kristina Newcomer, Whittier Area Genealogical Society Treasurer, wrote the following article for *Wags Family Tales*, Volume 35, Numbers 3 and 4. It is reprinted here with her permission. Thanks, Kristina!

Inspired by John Bradley of the Glendora Genealogical Group, the following “award” categories capture the essence of each individual and their life circumstances, whether serious, humorous, peculiar or quaint; and, they afford me the opportunity to say thanks for being part of my family.

Founding Father Award:

Richard Lippincott (1615-1683)

Born in Plymouth, Devonshire, England, Richard (10G–GF), a Puritan, was one of my earliest ancestors to come to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1639 to escape religious persecution. However, things didn’t go swimmingly with his fellow believers, and after his excommunication in 1651, he packed up his family and returned to England where he became a Quaker. From the frying pan into the fire, he was jailed for his beliefs, and after release, in 1662, with wife and children in tow, he once again crossed the Atlantic, this time settling in Rhode Island. To commemorate his faith in the Lord, Richard named his children: Remembrance, John, Restore, Freedom, Increase, Jacob and Preserved.

True Grit Award: Frances Catherine “Fanny” (Russell) Weed (1855-1921)

When her husband, Theodore, a Civil War veteran, died in July 1895, Fanny (G–GM) became the sole parent of seven children ranging in age from fourteen years to nine months. Displaying strength of character and conviction, she capably raised her children to become responsible adults. She managed to get all her children educated with one of the boys becoming a pharmacist, and two owning drug stores. Fanny never remarried, and in her later years lived with one of her sons in Minnesota.



Most Dramatic Demise: Freedom Lippincott (1655-1687)

According to intestate records, for he hadn’t gotten around to writing a will at so young an age, Freedom (9G–GF) died when struck by lightning while shoeing a horse. Coincidentally, his wife died soon after him. They left five children under the age of

thirteen who were taken in by family members.

Bad Timing Sub-category: Just prior to Freedom’s death, he had become a member of the New Jersey Assembly. He sure went out with a bang!

Black Sheep of the Family Trophy: Charles Henry Glover (1875-1958)

As the baby of the family, maybe he was “indulged” as a child and that is why Charles (2G–GU) made such a muck of his life, especially when it came to women! According to my cousin, Cindy Glover, his great-granddaughter through wife number two, Charles was married four. . . maybe five times, no one knows for sure. At times it gets messy and confusing, so follow along as I list his known wives with marriage and divorce dates: Minnie Huffman (M:1894, D:?), Elizabeth Marie Klingebiel (M:1897, D:1907), Eva M. Shera (M:1900 & 1903, D:1908), and lastly, Martha Alsanger (M:1920). It seems that Charles abandoned Elizabeth Klingebiel when she was six-months pregnant; she filed for divorce in 1899 and it was finally granted in 1907. In the meantime, she met and married Henry Hilbert and had three children, and Charles—never one to sit idly by—remarried twice before their divorce was made final. Along the way, Charles fathered four children, two boys by two of his wives and two girls whose mother(s) we haven’t yet identified. As a final indictment on Charles’s wild ways, there is a family story that he got the daughter of an Indiana State Trooper pregnant and refused to marry her. He had to high-tail it out of Indiana because, supposedly, the trooper had a “shoot-to-kill” notice out on Charles Henry. True or not, we just don’t know.

“Ancestor Awards” (cont’d)

Surname Permutation Prize:

Jürgen “George” Zewitz (1695-1759)

Born in Strasbourg, Alsace, France, Jürgen (8G-GF), a German-speaking Mennonite, came to Pennsylvania with his wife, Barbara, and their two young sons in the early 1700s. As time went on, the family increased to six sons and two daughters, Jürgen became George, and the family name began to morph—not an uncommon occurrence in the new immigrant nation—into Zavitz. By far, the most common spelling of the name, Zavitz is found mainly in Canada, largely in Southern Ontario near Niagara Falls where George’s son, Jacob, and five of his ten children fled about the time of the Revolutionary War. Other variant spellings of the name include: Savitz, Sewitz, Sevitz, Sevits, Savits and Sivits and are found in the United States, many still in and around Pennsylvania. My branch, founded by George Savitz—Jacob’s son and Jürgen’s grandson—stayed in Pennsylvania until the 1880s when my 3G-GM, Sarah (Savitz) Raub moved with her husband to Kansas City, Missouri. As of 2015, there do not appear to be any descendants who have retained the original spelling of Zewitz. A pity.

Best Maiden Name:

Meeky Greenwood (1808-1877)

For my 4G-GM, Meeky, a North Carolinian who moved to Indiana, I like the juxtaposition of her perky-sounding first name with the stately British surname, Greenwood. I have no idea if Meeky was her actual given name or a nickname that really, really stuck. Meeky married Sherrod Franklin, thus acquiring a familiar Anglo-Norman surname. (Ironically, the name Sherrod is of Irish-Gaelic origins and means “clearer of the land.”) First runner-up: Increase Lippincott (9G-GA). Honorable mention: Karin Kristoffersdotter (5G-GM).

Best Male Name: Bernard Henry Louis William Doerges (1814-abt 1870)

Given four first names at birth or at his baptism, Bernard Henry Louis William (3G-GF)—known informally as William—is a prime example of German naming practices where saints’ or parents’ names are handed down. I do not have any records of his religious affiliation, but the odds are he was either

Catholic or Lutheran, as those were the dominant faiths in Germany at the time of his birth. Three of his four sons were given either Henry or William as part of their full names, i.e.: William Henry, Henry William and Robert William. This naming scheme continued for many generations. First runner-up: Obadiah Richards (7G-GF). Honorable mentions: Ebenezer Andrews (7G-GF) and Guy Lancelot Weed (GF).

Independent Woman Award:

Olga Vicktoria (Östman) Swan (1884-1978)

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota to Swedish immigrants, Olga (GA) grew up speaking two languages. She married at nineteen, had one daughter, Edna, and during WW1 and WW2 worked on the assembly lines at wartime factories in the Los Angeles area. She marched for women’s suffrage and when the right to vote was finally won, she immediately registered and, for the rest of her long life, she never missed an opportunity to exercise her right to influence American politics. After separating from her husband, she raised her daughter to be another independent woman (who lived to be 101 years of age!). What a gal!

Medal of Honor Award: Emmer Bowen (1830-1912)

In genealogical circles, Emmer is what we call a “collateral ancestor.” He is my great-grandaunt, Clara Mae Doerges’s, father-in-law, but it’s nice to claim him as an “almost” ancestor. Emmer was a Union Army soldier during the Civil War in the 127th Illinois Infantry, and he received the Medal of Honor for “gallantry in the charge of the ‘volunteer storming party’ during the Siege of Vicksburg on 22nd May 1863.” General Grant had ordered an assault on the Confederate heights and called for a group of volunteers to build a bridge across a moat and to plant scaling ladders in advance of the main attack. Everyone knew that the odds of survival were slim—as a matter of fact, in the vernacular of the day, the mission was called “a forlorn hope.” The volunteers came under heavy fire immediately and were pinned down in the very ditch they were to cross. By nightfall, nearly half of the 150 volunteers had been killed. The survivors were awarded the Medal of Honor for their gallantry under fire. I couldn’t be more proud even if he is only an “almost” ancestor.

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