

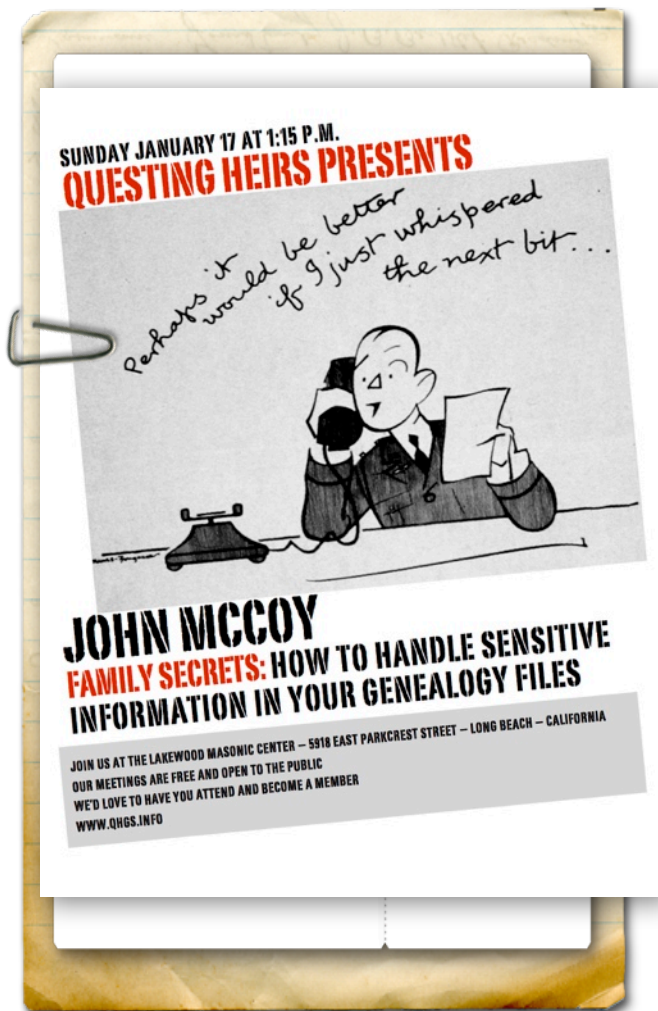
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## QHGS Meeting on Sunday January 17 “Family Secrets: To Tell—or Not To Tell?” “Advanced Google Tools for Genealogists”



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**OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS**

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month at **1:15 p.m.** at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 8)**

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# “Family Secrets: To Tell—or Not To Tell?” “Advanced Google Tools for Genealogists”

## MEETING AGENDA

**JANUARY 17, 2016**

**Starting at 1:15 p.m.**, QHGS past president **John McCoy** will present, **“Family Secrets,”** a talk about dealing with sensitive information contained in our family trees. If you have ever wondered what to do with hidden non-paternity events, incriminating data, or unsavory facts that you have uncovered during genealogical research—tell? hide? keep? destroy?—this talk is for you! After our break, **Francie Kennedy** will present, **“Advanced Google Tools for Genealogists.”** Most of us barely scratch the surface of what Google can do. Looking things up with Google is only one of the many useful tools available to us! Have you made a family map showing migration routes and everywhere your families have lived, over time? Catalogued all of your books in a format you can access remotely from a book sale, (so you don’t wind up with three copies at home)? How often have you read a rare book about your ancestor’s hometown that is every-word searchable? Have you found an image of a historic postcard of Main Street in that town to use as an illustration in your family history? This session will guide you toward finding many things Google can do beyond the basic search function we all use. There is a lot more within this site beyond the simple home page!

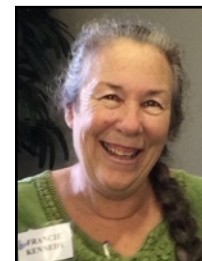
## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

**JOHN W. MCCOY**



Past president John McCoy’s scholarly research has uncovered adultery, desertion, and attempted assault by ancestors in his family genealogy; so, he is well qualified to speak about “Family Secrets!”

**FRANCIE KENNEDY**



Francie is a 4th generation Californian. She joined the local water district to help with drought response and customer questions in the early 1990s and has helped City residents and businesses manage their water use for over 23 years. Francie is newly retired and looks forward to creative genealogical pursuits. She is the immediate past president of the South Orange County California Genealogical Society, and historical research is her passion.

## Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

### JANUARY EVENTS

#### JANUARY 30, 2016

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual WAGS Winter Seminar will be held on **Saturday, January 30, from 8:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. **Featured speaker Thomas MacEntee** will present four lectures. For more information go to <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags/seminar16flyer.pdf>.

#### JANUARY 31, 2016

The Immigrant Genealogical Society (IGS) will hold a reception for Mr. Dirk Weissleder on **Sunday, January 31st, beginning at 2 p.m.** at their offices and library located at 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd. in Burbank. Herr Weissleder heads the German equivalent of our own Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)—which in Germany is the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft genealogischer Verbände e. V. (DAGV). This organization is the key German partner in a newly formed German-American Genealogical Partnership begun upon the initiative of genealogical societies in Minnesota. All interested American societies are welcome to join the partnership, and this reception will be Herr Weissleder's first opportunity to meet society officers from Southern California. Your officers are hereby invited to carpool and join us! Please RSVP to M. Gordon Seyffert at [gordonseyffert@mac.com](mailto:gordonseyffert@mac.com).

### TOPICS NEXT MONTH

#### FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Our February meeting will focus first on families divided by the Civil War with **“Brother Against Brother: Families Torn Asunder”** presented by **Linda Serna**. After the break, we will learn how to find genealogical information in deeds and property documents when **Connie Moretti** gives her lecture **“Research Using Land Records.”**



### FINANCE REPORT

Christine Elia

November Income  
\$349.00  
November Expenses  
\$113.43  
F & M Bank Balance  
\$7,821.14,  
\$2,374.06 of which  
is restricted to  
educational expenses

### REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our  
January 17th  
Hosts  
will be

**Sandy MCDONALD,**  
**Tina MCKILLIP,**  
**Cathy ROKICKI**  
and  
**Diana TRANSUE**

Many thanks  
to our  
QHGS  
Members  
for providing  
Pot Luck  
refreshments  
at the  
December 20th  
meeting

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance  
at  
Decembers's  
Pot Luck: 29

## Online Learning Opportunities

### WEBINAR CLASSES

#### Illinois State Genealogical Society

“Organizing Your Genealogy Research Process,” presented by Drew Smith on **Tuesday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. Attendees will learn to define their research goals; to create manageable projects; to break projects down into sub-projects and tasks; to track their goals, projects, and tasks using software tools; to use a research log in order to organize and record their research questions, their search strategies, and their results; to use tools for documenting the process from source to information to evidence to conclusion; and to complete the process by transferring their conclusions into genealogical database programs. Register at: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/8573458780274373378>.

#### Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between January 6 and January 27**: “Tap Into Your Inner Private Eye—9 Strategies for Finding Living Relatives,” “Technology and Techniques for Differentiating Two People with the Same Name,” “Snagit Software for Genealogists,” “The Basics of Virginia Research” and “The Paperless Genealogist.”

#### Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars which will be presented in January. Jill Morelli, “The ‘Push’ and ‘Pull’ of Decision Making by 19th Century Emigrants,” on **Saturday, January 2, at 10:00 a.m. PST**. Learn the Px4 approach to understanding the complexity of the ‘push’ and ‘pull’ theory of emigration, and evaluate the motivations of 19th c. emigrants using this more complex lens. Diahan Southard, “Making YDNA and mtDNA Part of your Family History” on **Wednesday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. YDNA and mtDNA are two very reliable sources for investigating and documenting your heritage. Learn how to maximize this DNA information in your research.

### WEBSITES OF INTEREST

#### Norwegian-American Historical Association

This website has a collection of over 300,000 items from Northfield, Minnesota, that have Norwegian-Americans as the subject. Often these are obituaries. Digital scans of some one-sixth of the collection can be viewed by going to <http://naha.stolaf.edu/> and selecting the archives option, followed by “Rowberg Index.” There is a search engine available, and the end result of your search may be a scanned copy of the clipping!

—*IGS Newsletter*, number 381, December 2015.

#### Irish Genealogical Research Society

The annual journal of the Irish Genealogical Research Society, *The Irish Ancestor*, may now be searched online **by name**. Go to <http://www.irishancestors.ie/search/pdf/index.php> to see if your Irish ancestor is there.

—*IGS Newsletter*, number 381, December 2015.

#### Irish Genealogical Society of Troy, New York

An index to 6,198 death notices that were published in five different Troy, New York, newspapers from 1797 to 1860 is now available online for genealogy researchers. To see these records go to <http://www.troyirish.com/>, click on PROJECTS and then, under DEATH RECORDS, click on DEATH NOTICES APPEARING IN TROY NEWSPAPERS. All of these records predate New York’s 1880 law that required the reporting of deaths. Outside of church death and burial records and newspaper accounts, you will not find these records anywhere else.

—*Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter*, November 16, 2015, <http://blog.eogn.com/>.

#### Harvard’s Colonial North American Project

Harvard University has launched a new website called the Colonial North American Project. It includes **150,000 images of diaries, journals, notebooks, and other rare documents from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries**. You can access the Colonial North American Project at <http://colonialnorthamerican.library.harvard.edu/>.

—*Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter*, November 16, 2015, <http://blog.eogn.com/>.

## Genealogy News and Local Society Programs

### FAMILY TREE MAKER TO END 12/31/2015

#### Genealogy Software Announcement

If you are using Family Tree Maker, you probably need to start looking for another genealogy program. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Kendall Hulet, Senior Vice President of Product Management at Ancestry, posted an article to the Ancestry Blog stating, “We’ve made the tough decision to stop selling Family Tree Maker as of December 31, 2015.” This announcement shouldn’t surprise anyone. In the genealogy world, Personal Ancestral File was canceled years ago and The Master Genealogist also disappeared some time ago. Now Family Tree Maker is suffering the same fate. The entire computer industry is moving away from software and databases installed in desktop and laptop computers. The trend is to iPads, Android tablets, Chromebooks, and other devices that store both data and programs in the cloud. Such storage typically is more secure and more reliable than keeping programs and data in a free-standing computer where it is sensitive to hard drive crashes, user errors, and other problems. What to do? Current Family Tree Maker users have three options to choose from:

1. Keep using the current version of Family Tree Maker for some time. Just remember: **support from Ancestry.com for the now obsolete Family Tree Maker will end on January 1, 2017.**
2. Switch to a different desktop or laptop genealogy program.
3. Start transitioning to a cloud-based genealogy service.

If you are looking to switch from Family Tree Maker to a different product, I also suggest you stop and consider your long-term solutions. Do you want to switch to a different desktop or laptop application? If so, what is the life expectancy of THAT program? Every genealogist should evaluate today’s offerings and also try to look into a crystal ball to see what lies in the future as industry trends keep shifting.

—condensed from *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter*, December 8, 2015, <http://blog.cogn.com/>.

### LOCAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Orange County California Genealogical Society

“Overcoming Brick Walls with DNA” and “Sources for Reverse Genealogy,” by Cheri Melo on **Saturday, January 2, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

#### Corona Genealogical Society

“Land Records: Digging for Ancestors in their Land,” presented by Jamie McManus Mayhew on **Monday, January 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

#### Immigrant Genealogical Society

Discussion group focussing on Pommern on **Sunday, January 10, 2:00 p.m.**, at the IGS Library, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

#### South Orange County Genealogical Society

“Who is That? Why Did Your Ancestors Associate with Apparent Strangers?” by Jean Hibben, CG<sup>SM</sup>, PhD on **Saturday, January 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.

#### LAPL Genealogy Garage Workshop

“Is Your Family in the LAPL Archives?” **Saturday, January 16, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Genealogy Dept., LLA, at the Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles.

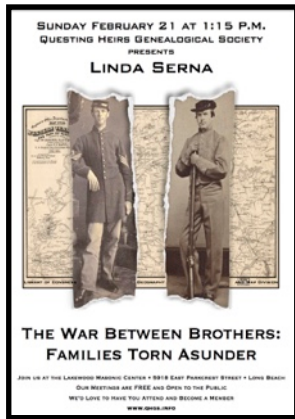
#### Whittier Area Genealogical Society

“What We Can Learn From Other Genealogical Societies,” by Rick Frohling and “Advance Your Family History Through Social Networking,” by Gena Philibert-Ortega on **Saturday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

#### Genealogical Society of North Orange County

“Overcoming Dead Ends,” by Nancy Carlberg **Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

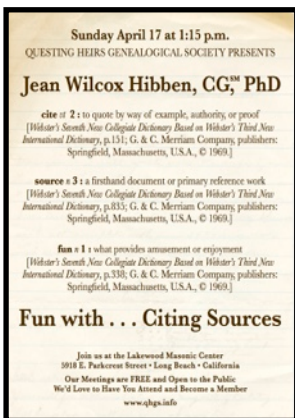
GENEALOGY  
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February 21, 2016



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April 17, 2016

## Will You Help at Upcoming Meetings?

In 2016 Questing Heirs will not have a Program Chairman for the first time in over 40 years. Quite simply, this means that our members will have to step up and do the jobs associated with that position.

1. We will need someone to welcome and introduce our scheduled speakers every month. If you would like to do that, please sign up for "M.C. Duty" when the sign-up sheet comes around

at our January meeting. Pick a convenient month when you know you will be at the meeting early so you can welcome the speaker before the meeting begins, and then read a short biography of him/her before the lecture starts.

2. At our March meeting, after Marion Werle has taught us how to bring those family stories we've collected to life, we will need to fill the second hour. Dave Werts has volunteered to lead a discussion about publishing a family history book because he has first-hand knowledge and is willing to share his experiences with members who might be thinking about doing the same. Other members who have published articles and/or stories are encouraged to join Dave in March during the second hour to answer members' questions about genealogy journal requirements, writing workshops, and other topics.

3. At our April meeting, after Jean Wilcox Hibben has explained how to have fun citing sources, we will need

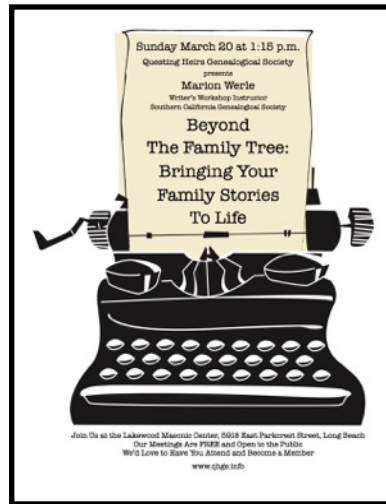
members to help each other with their research during the second hour. How about taking inspiration from QHGS' past and having a few "Expert Tables," each headed by a member who has done extensive research in a particular area like Canada or Italy or a particular state, or who knows a lot about the ins and

outs of FamilySearch or Ancestry? You don't have to "know everything" to be an expert—you just have to be willing to help others. A sign-up sheet will be available at our February meeting; so, please consider sharing your knowledge with other members and be an "expert" in April!

4. At our May meeting, after Denise Levenick shows us how to curate our family treasures, documents, and photographs, it will be your chance to share your genealogy binders, scrapbooks, and other ways of documenting your family history. During the second hour, we will display members' genealogies, and, as you look at different ways that family histories can be collected, you may get some good ideas about organizing your own records!

Thank you in advance for helping make 2016 a dynamic year for QHGS.

—Penny Nugent



March 20, 2016

## Genealogy in Long Beach

Long Beach's sidewalks contain impressed "signatures" of many pavers who plied their trade in the city. If your ancestor worked for one of these cement contractors or owned a construction company, "Sidewalk Signatures" will be of interest to you.

**Carlos Wilkins** laid sidewalks in Long Beach during the early 1900s. In the *1922 Long Beach City Directory* he is listed like this: "Wilkins Carlos (Ellen) cement contr h 927 Linden av." Carlos was born in Wisconsin in 1858, and he married Minerva Ellen Haworth in 1883. In 1910 he lived for a short time in Pomona, California, where he worked as a chauffeur, giving rides to people in his 1916 Chevrolet touring car. Carlos died in Long Beach on March 25, 1934. He is buried in Sunnyside Cemetery, and his tombstone has been photographed by a volunteer at *Find A Grave*.

**Vido T. Kovacevich** was living at 1553 Loma Avenue in Long Beach with his wife Ruth in 1928. City directories describe him as a paving contractor, and he is mentioned in the *Southwest Builder and Contractor* magazine of July 28, 1922: "Long Beach—Vido Kovacevich, 925 Temple Ave., was only bidder at about \$95 for 50 ft. curb (76c) and 250 ft. walk (24c) on Loma Ave." Vido died on January 11, 1976, in San Marino, California, and his obituary



in the *Los Angeles Times* described him as "a resident of this area for 65 years. Retired road contractor and a very active member of St. Stephen's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of Alhambra."

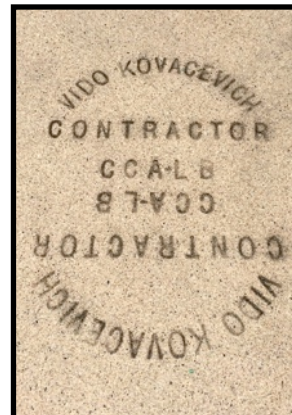
**Frank W. Hopkins** was a contractor who lived in Long Beach at 431 Bonito Avenue with his wife Margaret. He poured the pavement shown at left on March 29, 1924. Mr. Hopkins followed a circuitous route to Long Beach. Born in England, he

arrived in Québec, Canada, on his way to British Columbia. From there he went to Oregon, and then travelled to Long Beach where he lived for about five years, according to city directories. By 1930 he was residing with his family in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles.

**James O. Stanford** was living at 1146 Lime Avenue in Long Beach with his wife Bertha in 1914. The Long Beach City Directory of that year describes him as a cement contractor, and he is mentioned on page four of *Good Roads: A Weekly Journal of Road and Street Engineering and Contracting* dated October 17, 1914, where one of his contracting jobs is described: "Bids Received and Contracts Awarded. El Monte, Cal.—J. O. Stanford of Long Beach, was the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract for improving about 22,000 lin. ft. for macadamising."

—Penny Nugent

### SIDEWALK SIGNATURES IN CEMENT



Vido T. Kovacevich



James O. Stanford



Carlos Wilkins

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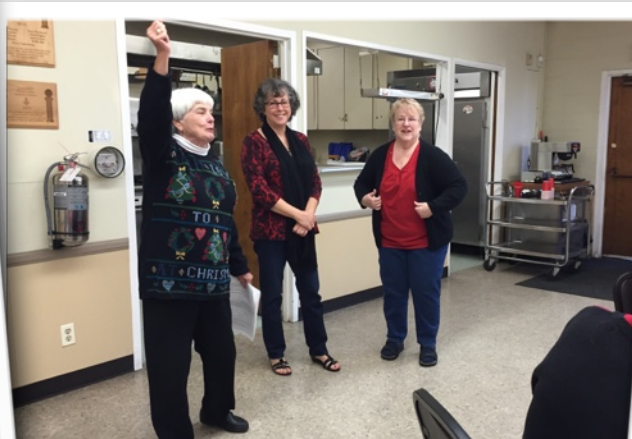
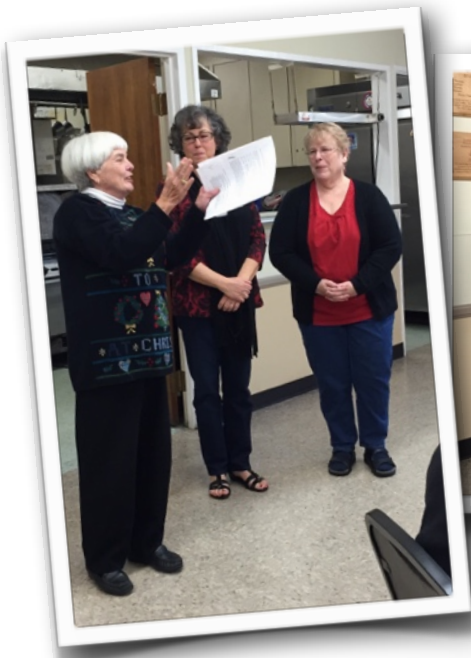
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# QHGS Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon



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