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QHGS Meeting on Sunday May 15 “Archiving and Digitizing for Family Historians” Display of Members’ Genealogy Binders



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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 40)**

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“Preserve the Past in Your Family Archive”
Display: Members’ Genealogy Binders

MEETING AGENDA

MAY 15, 2016

Starting at 1:15 p.m., Denise Levenick, MA, will present “Preserving the Past: Archiving and Digitizing for Family Historians,” an overview of preservation and digitization techniques which will also include best practices for archival storage as well as fundamentals of digitization and scanning family history papers. **Denise will have books for sale during our break:** *How to Archive Family Keepsakes*, a step-by-step guide to sorting, organizing, and preserving “the stuff” that families collect, and its companion guidebook, *How to Archive Family Photos*, which expands on basic photo preservation. **Bring your genealogy scrapbooks, binders, and files to show and share at the meeting** and, after the break, we will see how others have organized their information and take home ideas about how we might do the same. QHGS scrapbooks from 1969 to 2015 will be displayed as well.

QHGS BEGINNER CLASS

STARTING AT 4:00 PM

The Beginner Class will meet at 4:00 p.m. after our regular meeting. Be sure to stay if you want to learn all about how to start your genealogical adventure in our class, taught by Cynthia Day-Elliott.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

DENISE LEVENICK



On her website, Denise tells us, “In every family, someone ends up with ‘the stuff.’ I was a family historian and schoolteacher, not an archivist, when I inherited my grandmother Arline’s family trunk filled with old photos, papers, and memorabilia. I couldn’t find a guidebook for preserving family keepsakes, so I adapted professional archival techniques for the family situation and created *The Family Curator* to share what I learned about scanning, organizing, and preserving family treasures. *The Family Curator* began with an honors literature course called *Reading Women’s Lives*. Students learned how to work with historic documents as they transcribed and analyzed over one hundred early twentieth century letters from Arline’s collection. Today I’ve exchanged my English teacher’s grade book for a mobile slide projector, and enjoy lecturing at seminars, conferences, and institutes nationwide. I hope you’ll join me in preserving and sharing your own family keepsakes.” You can find out more about Denise Levenick at <http://thefamilycurator.com/>.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

LINDA LOU
ARTUSO

1933 – 2016



We sadly announce the death of QHGS member Linda Lou Artuso who passed away on March 31, 2016. Linda joined QHGS in 2002. She was elected Recording Secretary for the 2004-2005 term, edited the newsletter from 2005 to 2012, and served as a Director-at-Large from 2007 to 2012. She was also your present editor's sharp-eyed proofreader, not only finding, but correcting every grammatical error and run-on in the *QHGS Newsletter*. Linda volunteered at the Long Beach FHC as well. Her attention to detail, reliance on original sources, and preparation of records and documents for posterity was impressive. When Linda brought one of her genealogy binders to our June 2009 meeting to demonstrate her organization system, the neatly typed, thoroughly sourced information in that binder was an inspiration to every QHGS member. By April of last year, she had scanned 1,122 items from her Evidence File and put them in "the cloud" so other members of her family could refer to them. She leaves a legacy of service to our organization, and all of us are better genealogists for having known her.

QHGS TOPICS
NEXT MONTH

SUNDAY JUNE 19

Next month, QHGS will present our annual Ice Cream Social/Show and Tell meeting on June 19. Members will share genealogy breakthroughs; and, we'll hear about stubborn brick walls, too, and offer suggestions for breaking them down. If you want to share your triumphs or tribulations, sign up at the May meeting, and we'll schedule your sharing session.

DARLENE FIELDS
IS APRIL WINNER

QHGS GIVEAWAY

We have begun giving an item of genealogical interest to one of our meeting attendees. April's winner was member Darlene Fields. She received a brand-new copy of Elizabeth Shown Mills' book, *Evidence Explained, 3rd edition*.

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

CAN YOU HELP?

The QHGS Newsletter needs a proofreader. Want to read all the genealogy news a week before everyone else while finding the editor's errors? Email Penny: pnugeto@icloud.com. **QHGS needs an AV facilitator.** Want to chat with our speakers as you set up the AV system at our meetings? Email John: realmac@aol.com.

FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

March Income

\$93.68

March Expenses

\$721.44

F & M Bank Balance

\$6,605.26,

of which \$2,224.06

is restricted to

educational expenses

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our May Hosts

will be

Terry HAMILTON,

Penny NUGENT,

Susan ROBERGE

and

Shirley TERRY

Many thanks

to our

April hosts

"Red" Collins,

Sandy McDonald,

Jon Stroosma

and

Connie Williams

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at

April's meeting: 38

**A Warm Welcome
to new members:**

Audrey Kramer

Dagmar Muthamia

and

Rita Rivera

Learning Opportunities

WEBINARS TO WATCH

Minnesota Genealogical Society

“Manuscript Collections—A Hidden Resource for Genealogists,” by Melissa Barker on **Wednesday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. This presentation will give the you the knowledge you need to locate manuscript collections housed in archives, libraries, and historical societies, and also help you find them online. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8859580294669163521>.

Illinois State Genealogical Society

“Polish Immigration to America—When, Where, Why, and How,” presented by Stephen Szabados on **Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9172454023411073281>.

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 4 and May 25**: “Google Drive for Genealogists,” “Dirty Pictures—Save Your Family Photos from Ruin,” “Messages from the Grave: Listening to your Ancestor’s Tombstone,” “Mining the Über-sites for German Ancestors,” and “Discover American Ancestors (NEHGS).”

Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: “Once Upon a Time at an Antique Store,” by Gena Philibert-Ortega on **Saturday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m.** and “Translating Latin Records of German (and other) Catholic Churches,” by Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA, CG on **Wednesday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m.**

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“Using Social Media to Break Through Genealogy Brick Walls,” by Amie Bowser Tennant on **Tuesday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Learn how to utilize social media platforms for your biggest genealogy brick walls. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6045652962280835842>.

LOCAL EVENTS TO ATTEND

Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum

Rancho Day is **Saturday, May 21, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at 18127 S. Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez. Cost \$5. Information: <http://dominguezrancho.org/>.



Drum Barracks Civil War Museum

“Strike a Pose: Portrait Photography of the Civil War Era,” explores methods and meanings of portrait photography from the 1840s to 1870s. Daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes and cartes de visite from the Drum Barracks Garrison and Society Collection are on display through September 30, 2016. The Museum is located at 1052 N. Banning Boulevard, Wilmington. More information: <http://www.drumbarracks.org/index.php/en/>.

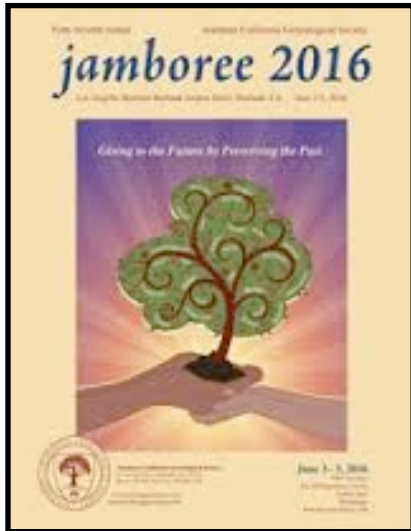
Historical Society of Long Beach

“Black Gold—Oil in the Neighborhood,” is a fascinating exhibition which is on display through October 27, 2016. Utilizing vintage photographs, historical maps, and artifacts from the HSLB collections, it shows how the history of Long Beach has been significantly changed twice by the discovery of oil near its boundaries. It also explores how the discovery of oil on Signal Hill, in 1921, intensified the impact of a national economic boom in the 1920s. The Historical Society of Long Beach is located at 4260 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach. Information: <http://hslb.org/>.

Genealogy Events in Southern California

SCGS JAMBOREE

47th Southern California Genealogy Jamboree and DNA Day will be held June 2 through 5 at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank.



The Future of the Past: Genetic Genealogy 2016

Thursday, June 2, DNA Day classes from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank. Thursday Luncheon: Dr. Michael Hammer, PhD, will present “The Peopling of Europe.” Information: <http://genealogyjamboree.com/2016/schedule-dna.html>.

Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past

Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, Jamboree classes from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 5, classes from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank. Saturday Banquet: Kenyatta D. Berry, Esq, will present “Secrets from PBS’ Genealogy Roadshow.” Information: <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>.

Jambofree Class Sessions

Friday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to noon: “Introduction to Genealogy: First Steps,” “Genealogy World Roundtables,” “DNA World Roundtables,” and “Why and How to Become a Professional Genealogist.” Information: <http://genealogyjamboree.com/2016/schedule-friday.html>.

SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Immigrant Genealogical Society

The Sachsen/Sachsen-Anhalt/Thüringen Special Interest Group meets on **Sunday, May 1, 2:00 p.m.** at 1310-B W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

Corona Genealogical Society

“Diseases that Ravaged our Ancestors,” presented by Dr. Stephen Baird on **Monday, May 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

Orange County California Genealogical Society

“Adoption Searches—How to Find Someone if You Don't Know His Name” and “Hospital Records, the Most Under-Used Resource in Genealogy,” by Colleen Fitzpatrick on **Saturday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

South Orange County Genealogical Society

“Manifest Destiny: Names at Ellis Island,” by Joel Weintraub on **Saturday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.** at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society

“Genealogy as Detective Work,” by Linda Serna on **Tuesday, May 17, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, 1401 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society

“Sensitive Subjects: What to Reveal—What to Conceal,” by Jane Neff-Rollins, **Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.** at the Los Angeles Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

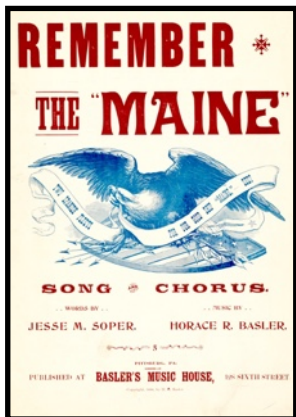
Whittier Area Genealogical Society

“Create, Use, and Grow Your FamilySearch Family Tree” and “Fixing and Verifying Your FamilySearch Family Tree,” by Marilyn Pope on **Saturday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

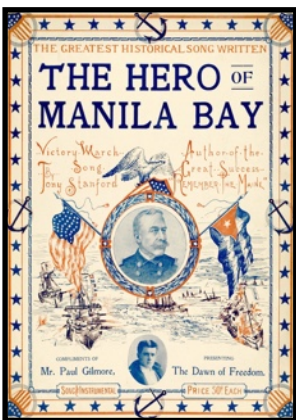
1898
POPULAR
SHEET MUSIC



Dedicated to Dewey



Rallying Cry



Victory March

Ancestors in the Spanish-American War

Do you have an ancestor who fought in the Spanish-American War or the Philippine-American War? You can tell by looking at the 1930 U. S. Census. If question 29's entry has "Sp" or "Phil" in the box, the answer to that initial question is "yes." Wikipedia tells us that "the Spanish-American War was a conflict between Spain and the United States from April 25, 1898 to August 12, 1898, in Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam. Hostilities began in the aftermath of the sinking of the *USS Maine* in Havana harbor leading to American intervention in the Cuban War of Independence. American acquisition of Spain's Pacific possessions subsequently led to its involvement in the Philippine Revolution and ultimately to the Philippine-American War which lasted from June 2, 1899 to July 4, 1902." Researchers can find valuable information about a soldier by using the *U. S. Army Register of Enlistments 1798-1914* database at Ancestry.com. For example, the entry for Charles M. Bailey, pictured above, describes him as a laborer, age 21, born in Humboldt, California. It says he enlisted in San Francisco on June 13, 1898, for a three-year tour in the U.S. Army, and tells us that he served in Company L, Third U.S. Artillery, in the Philippine Islands. This register also provides a physical description of Charles at the time of his enlistment: five feet, ten inches tall with blue eyes, light brown



Charles M. Bailey

hair, and a fair complexion; and, in the "remarks" section, we learn that he was honorably discharged from the army at Malolos, P.I., on August 14, 1899 with the rank of private. You can find more information about Charles' service in the *General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*. Many other online sources exist to help genealogists research ancestors who fought in the Spanish-American War. Some give historical background, while others

provide links to archives and indexes. For more research assistance go to:

FamilySearch

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Spanish-American War, 1898](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Spanish-American_War,_1898)

Researching a Spanish-American War Veteran

<http://www.spanamwar.com/geneol.htm>

Access Genealogy

<https://www.accessgenealogy.com/military/spanish-american-war.htm>

Spanish American War Indexes and Records: A Genealogy Guide

<http://www.militaryindexes.com/spanishamericanwar/>

National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/prsf/learn/historyculture/spanish-american-war-a-splendid-little-war.htm>

NARA Military Resources

[Researching Service in the U.S. Army during the Philippine Insurrection](http://www.augustine.af.mil/au/aug/bibs/afhist/afspan.htm)

African-American Participation
<http://www.augustine.af.mil/au/aug/bibs/afhist/afspan.htm>

—Penny Nugent

Working in Long Beach: Ford Motor Co.

Gary Schwertley remembers that “in 1946 jobs weren’t all that difficult to find, but those suitable for a separated officer pilot were. When my dad heard that Ford was hiring at the Long Beach assembly plant he signed on. Dad was assigned to the production line as a deck lid man. The deck lid is another name for the trunk or luggage compartment lid. He and another worker would spend their day hoisting steel deck lids into place on car bodies



Long Beach Ford Plant c.1930

and bolting them onto the hinges which were already installed on the body. The car bodies were not yet installed on frames; further down the line the finished body assembly was dropped onto the chassis assembly, basically completing the car. Of course installing the deck lids was done on a moving assembly line. Every motion in the process was timed, and workers had X number of minutes to do each task. Okay, so far, so good. But wait—there was a catch. The luggage compartment opening described a trapezoid shape. The men bolted the deck lid on, and swung it down into place to see if it fit right because it was slightly adjustable. However, occasionally there would be a car body coming down the line that had not been welded together properly and things were out of alignment. The opening of the luggage compartment might instead describe a parallelogram rather than the ideal trapezoid. The deck lid men had a hydraulic tool called a Porta-Power to jack the misshapen into approximately the correct configuration so the lid would

(sort of) fit. This all took extra time. By the time they’d taken this remedial action and left the errant body to continue on its mechanical way, they had several “normal” car bodies lined up, and they’d rush to catch up. Ford was known for paying assembly workers well, but my dad said you earned every dollar of it. He lasted six weeks on the assembly line, then quit. It was too boring, yet hectic for him.”

If one **your** ancestors worked for the Ford Motor Company in Long Beach, you may find these websites interesting:

The Ford Motor Car Company History website at http://fordmotorhistory.com/factories/long_beach/index.php has many articles about and photos of the Long Beach plant.

A history of the Long Beach plant is available in pdf format at <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/master/pnp/habshaer/ca/ca1600/ca1604/data/ca1604data.pdf>.

Historic Films has footage from the April 21, 1930 opening at <http://www.historicfilms.com/tapes/10871>.

Tim Grobarty’s article, “Long Beach: a History of Hard Workers Making Big Important Things,” includes a photo of assembly line workers at <http://www.presstelegram.com/business/20140112/long-beach-a-history-of-hard-workers-making-big-important-things>.

Wikimedia Commons has 147 pictures at https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Ford_Motor_Company_Assembly_Plant_%28Long_Beach,_California%29.

FORD WORKERS LONG BEACH



Building a Car



Assembly Line



Hoover Dam Trucks

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QHGS April 17 Meeting



Jean Wilcox Hibben gave a dynamic presentation about why and how we should cite our sources. Can you find yourself in the group photos below?



Thirty-eight genealogists heard Jean Wilcox Hibben speak at our April 17 meeting. Jean made an often dull subject interesting as she explained the who, what, where, when, how, and why of citing sources. Did you look at sourcing options in your genealogical software when you got home? Did you feel overwhelmed? Don't despair—use Jean's handout as your guide, and **begin sourcing today with the next fact you input!**