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QHGS Meeting on Sunday December 18 Members' Sharing Session and Pot Luck Installation of Officers for 2017 – 2018 Term



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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 102)**

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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Installation of 2017 – 2018 Officers
 Members Share Trials and Triumphs

MEETING AGENDA

DECEMBER 18, 2016

Starting at 1:15 p.m., members will gather to eat good food and visit with old friends. Genealogical trials and research triumphs of 2016 will be discussed; and, after desserts are served, Jeanette Jones will install our new officers for the 2017-2018 term. Then it will be “Genealogy Bingo” time! Photos will be taken; so be prepared.



THANK YOU FOR RENEWING

QHGS MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairman Kathy Latham would like to thank everyone in QHGS who renewed their membership for 2017. We currently have 3 Life members, 5 Family memberships, and 65 Individual members, for a total of 78 Questing Heirs.

POT LUCK WHAT TO BRING

ITEMS BY SURNAME



APPETIZERS

Surname Beginning with **G – L**



SALADS

Surnames Beginning with **M – R**



HOT DISHES

Surnames Beginning with **S – Z**



DESSERTS

Surnames Beginning with **A – F**

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

QHGS MEMBERS' SURVEY RESULTS

A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS

We've tabulated information on the twenty-five QHGS Member Surveys that were returned at our November meeting, and here are the results.

States of interest: most votes (8 each) went to Illinois and Virginia, followed by California and New York (7 each). Tennessee, Texas, Michigan and Massachusetts (6 each) and Kentucky, Iowa, Ohio and Pennsylvania (5 each) were next, followed by North Carolina, Missouri, Connecticut and Indiana (4 each).

Countries of interest: most votes (9) went to Germany, followed by England (8) and Ireland (7). Canada, France, Wales and Scotland each received 4 votes and Poland received 3.

Topics of interest: DNA, adoption, Austria/Hungary emigration, changing state boundary lines before statehood, brick walls, Germans in Texas, internet research, land records, Long Beach history, member stories, Native Americans, naturalization records, War of 1812 records, Civil War, WWII records, managing genealogy in digital form, writing family histories, products to help organize genealogical records, transcribing records, early settlers in French Canada, cemeteries in upstate New York, the QHGS website, and the resources available at various state archives.

A big thank you to all who filled out the surveys.
—Tina McKillip

HISTORICAL SOCIETY L B

DECEMBER 8, 2016

A new exhibit, "Long Beach Remembers Pearl Harbor," will open on December 8, 2016. On December 7, 1941, the Japanese Navy's attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the U.S. into the depths of World War II. A Navy town since the 1920s, Long Beach had close ties to many who experienced the horrors or lost their



lives that fateful day, and the battleships attacked were well known to local residents who had become accustomed to seeing them off their coast. Long Beach became part of the vast Southern California staging grounds for the war in the Pacific, and the rapid and profound changes represent a pivotal point in the history of Long Beach and her people. Read more about the exhibit at <http://hslb.org/>.

FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

October Income
\$458.86

October Expenses
\$200.28

F & M Bank Balance
\$6,011.31,
of which \$1,899.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

**Our December
Hosts
will be
YOU!**

Many thanks
to
our
November
hosts

Terry Hamilton,
Penny Nugent,
Susan Roberge
and
Shirley Terry

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at
November's meeting:
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Online Learning Opportunities

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Without the Hint There Is No Story” presented by Bernice Alexander Bennett, on **Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. Oral history, passing remarks and casual conversations can lead you on a journey to discover your family story. The value of seriously considering rather than simply discounting information can set the stage to crack a brick wall. Every family has a challenge to uncover the truth, and one important challenge is to explore every little detail heard that will prove or disprove the information. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3458035909419848194>.

Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between December 14 and December 21**: “From the Heartland—Utilizing Online Resources in Midwest Research,” “Tracing Your European Ancestors,” “No, No, Nanette! What Negative Evidence Is—And Isn’t,” and “An Introduction to the BillionGraves website.”

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for “Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving” presented by Dr. Michael D. Lacopo, on **Wednesday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. Tax records can solve MANY genealogical dilemmas and should be a primary record source to utilize. This lecture will show you how they can help you!

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“Eight Common Mistakes That Genealogists Make and How to Avoid Them,” by Donald Schnitzleron **Tuesday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. This program highlights some of the common mistakes made by genealogists researching their family history as well as strategies that help overcome them. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3558432315931053058>.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY WEBINARS

FamilySearch Learning Center Information:

On the Family History Library Classes and Webinars page at https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars you will find a list of all the class schedules as well as webinars that will be taught. A webinar is a class that is broadcast over the internet, and anyone interested can attend. In order to attend a webinar, find a class from the list below. Classes are organized according to geographical region. Once you find a class you are interested in, click on the title to enter the online webinar room. Please make sure your headphones or speakers are connected BEFORE you enter the webinar room. We recommend that you enter the webinar about 15-20 minutes before the start time. This will help ensure that your sound is working before the webinar begins. If you would like to download the Handout click on the words “Click Here” next to the title of the class. In order to view past webinars, you can scroll down to the Past Webinars section.

Important Reminder: all class times are scheduled in Mountain Time.

January 2017 Schedule:

- 6 British Case Study
- 10 Tracing Elusive Ancestors in England/Wales Civil Registration Records: How to Trace Ancestors Using Online Birth Marriage and Death Indexes
- 11 From America to Norway
- 11 The New Virtual Historical Record: Introducing England's Online Church Register Databases
- 12 Oklahoma Research
- 12 Tracing Non-Church of England Ancestry
- 17 Overview of FamilySearch.org
- 17 Exploring the Probate Records in Norway
- 18 German Historical Geography
- 24 Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch's Historical Records
- 31 United States: Mountain States Research
- 31 Marriage laws and Customs in Germany

Whittier's Winter Seminar – Mark Your Calendars!

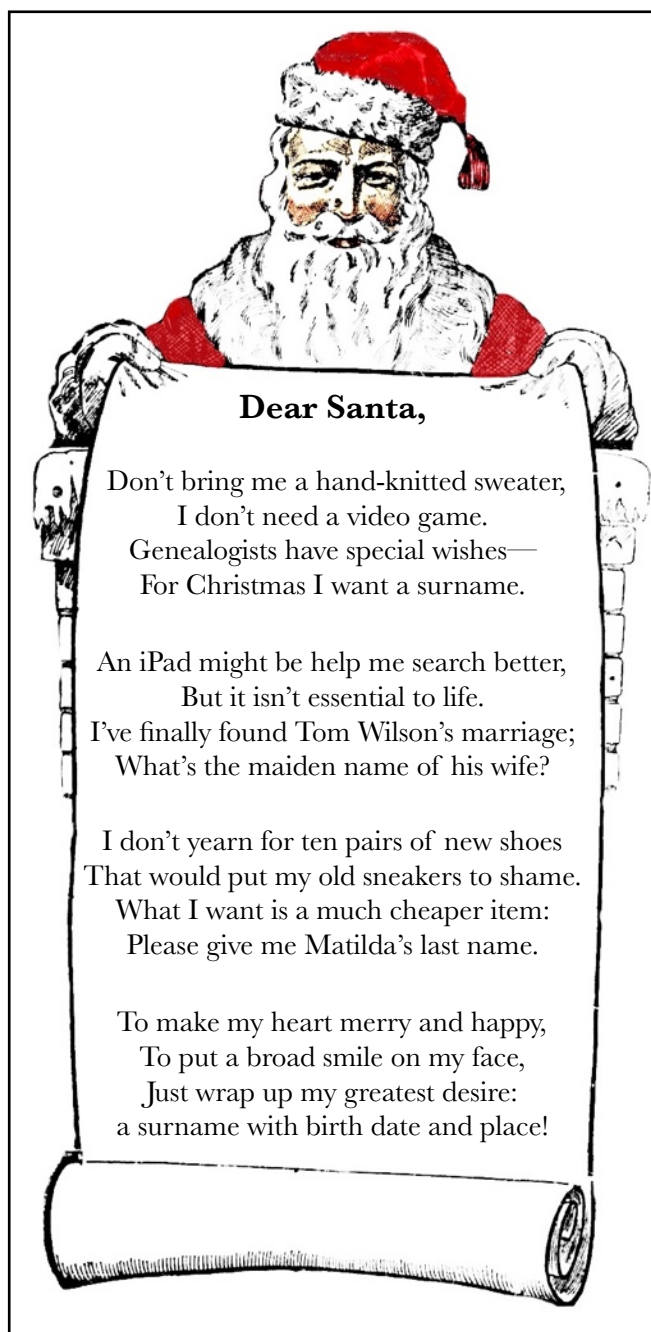
WAGS 34TH WINTER SEMINAR



The **Whittier Area Genealogical Society** presents **Michael D. Lacopo, DVM** on **January 28, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. Michael D. Lacopo takes the same scientific approach to his research as he does to his profession. Researching since 1980, he has lectured internationally and written for numerous periodicals and journals. He will present four lectures: **Session 1 at 9:15 am: More Than The Census—Our Families Did Exist Between Those Ten Year Intervals.** This lecture will show the researcher that it is important to identify our ancestors' whereabouts in as many local records as possible. **Session 2 at 10:45 am: Estate Files: Are You Getting The Most Out of Them?** Genealogists love to find wills and probate records for their ancestors, but are you reading between the lines? What gems are you missing by just stopping at the will book? **Session 3 at 1:30 pm: Incorporating Social History Into Your Research.** Social history and its bearing on genealogical research will be covered and a "must-read" bibliography for serious researchers will be discussed. **Session 4 at 3:00 pm: Finding Dead Ancestors is Easy—Finding Living Relatives Can Be a Challenge!** Why should we look for living relatives, even those remotely related? Who knows where the family Bible ended up, or which of our third cousins has all the old photographs. In an era where DNA can answer so many questions, we need to know how to find those who carry the answers to our questions! **Early registration** will be \$35 for WAGS members and \$40 for non-members. The **deadline for early registration is January 21.** Late registrations after January 21 and at the door will be \$45. A lunch may be ordered no later than January 23 for an additional fee of \$12. **Registration forms** will be available at the December meeting.

GENEALOGICAL HUMOR

The *QHGS Newsletter* editor hopes you enjoy this poem adapted from an *Illinois State Genealogical Society Newsletter* of 1984. The author is unknown, but her humor lives on.



RED
CROSS
XMAS SEALS



1908



1912



1909

Epidemics and Genealogy

Wikipedia tells up that “Christmas seals were introduced to the United States by Emily Bissell in 1907, after she had read about the 1904 Danish Christmas seal in an article by Danish-born Jacob Riis, a muckraking journalist and photographer.

Bissell hoped to raise money for a sanitarium on the Brandywine Creek in Delaware. By 1908, Bissell’s idea grew to a nation-wide program administered by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of

Tuberculosis (NASPT) and the American National Red Cross. The seals were sold at post offices, initially in Delaware at 1 cent each. Net proceeds from the sales would be divided equally between the two organizations. By 1920, the Red Cross withdrew from the arrangement and sales were conducted exclusively by the NASPT, then known as the National Tuberculosis Association (NTA). After World War II with the development of the antibiotic streptomycin TB became a curable disease, although it would be decades before it could be considered under control in developed countries. To reflect the expanding scope of the organization’s goals, the name was changed to the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association in the late 1960s. The NTRDA became the American Lung Association in 1973, though the 1974 seals continue to show the NTRDA inscription on the sheet margin.”



Major US Epidemics: A Basic List

by Maureen A. Taylor
<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/major-us-epidemics>

American Epidemics

<http://genealogy-quest.com/glossary-terms/american-epidemics/>

Epidemics and Pandemics

by Thomas MacEntee
<http://www.archives.com/experts/macentee-thomas/epidemics-and-pandemics-the-records-left-behind.html>

Health, Epidemics and Diseases

http://www.genealoger.com/genealogy/gen_health_and_medicine.htm

Diseases and Medical Terms

by Shirley Hornbeck
<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hornbeck/disease.htm>

Genealogy: It’s Epidemic!

<http://genealogybeyondthebmd.blogspot.com/2014/11/its-epidemic.html>

King Cholera

<http://www.tngenweb.org/darkside/cholera.html>

Three 19th-Century Diseases That May Have Shaped Your Family Tree

by Rita Marshall
<http://www.genealogytoday.com/articles/reader.mv?ID=4212>

—Penny Nugent

Holiday Happenings in 1899

ALPENA CITY NEWS . . . Candy canes at Perkins & Co.'s . . . Plum pudding and wine sauce at Monaghan & Co.'s . . . Hawley & Fitzgerald and the Cheney Shoe Co. have very attractive holiday windows . . . Preparations are being made in some of the primary schools for Christmas exercises, Friday afternoon . . . After tonight everything will give way to preparations for Christmas . . . A number of industrious boys are making a small profit by selling Christmas trees . . . Though last in the list of Christmas fairs, the one given by the ladies aid society of the Baptist church tonight will not be the least. Housekeepers will be able to purchase Christmas dainties for the table as well as Christmas gifts for their friends . . . Xmas tree decorations at Perkins & Co.'s . . . Henly roller skates at Steele & Collins, get a pair for Christmas . . . 19 Xmas graduates received their diplomas at Business College last night . . . a special musical service has been prepared for Christmas Day by Trinity Church choir . . . postmaster Dafoe says that the holiday business done at the post office this year is just double what that of the biggest day's business was a year ago . . . get your oysters for Xmas at Alpena's fish market . . . Arthur Stiles, of the Cobden, has gone to Cleveland to spend Christmas . . . Miss Anna Trask is expected home tonight from Ypsilanti to spend the holidays . . . ice

skates for everybody, ladies' gent's, girl's and boy's, all sizes and prices from 60¢ to \$5.00 at Potter Bros. . . . on Christmas day there will be no paper issued from this office, in order that all the employees may enjoy the pleasures of the day . . . Grand opening of the Alpena Roller Rink, foot of Chisholm Street, Christmas night, with a roller skating party for ladies and gentlemen. Small boys will not be allowed to skate on the opening night. Admission only 10 cents. The

Germania Band will perform . . . Events to Happen: Dec. 25—Ball game and dance at armory, Jan.1—Ball at Elks' hall . . . if you want to present your wife, your daughter, your sister, or your girl some handsome cards for New Years, get your supply printed at this office . . . a Black River man who was in the city yesterday tried to put out some Alpena whiskey, but after a few rounds fell on the roadside and had to be carried away. There is not a town anyplace where the whiskey they sell will throw a man any more quickly than it will right here on Thunder Bay . . . Thomas McDonald rescued John Sharkey, aged six years, Tuesday afternoon from the river. The boy fell in and was carried sixty rods by the swift current, passing under much floating ice, and his rescue and resuscitation is regarded as remarkable . . . *The Alpena Evening News* editor and staff wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

VINTAGE CHRISTMAS POST CARDS



1908



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