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## QHGS Meeting on Sunday June 18 “My Special Male Ancestor” At the Annual Summer Ice Cream Social

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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 48**)

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## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Individual: \$25.00  
Family: \$37.50  
Life (Individual): \$600.00  
Life (Family): \$900.00

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## QHGS

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# Field Trip: Orange FamilySearch Library Meeting: Show-and-Tell Ice Cream Social

## FIELD TRIP ORANGE FSL

JUNE 17, 2017



**Our annual field trip this year on Saturday, June 17**, will take us to the **Orange FamilySearch Library** located at 674 South Yorba Street, in Orange. **Please arrive at the Library between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m.** Transportation will be on your own. Cynthia Day-Elliott will be sending a group email out so those that signed up can connect with others for group carpooling. Once there, Cynthia has arranged a tour of the facility that highlights their resources. After the tour, we can research on our own. This FSL has 24 patron computers with internet access; WiFi; 6 microfilm readers and 1 microfiche reader; digital scanning from microfilm and microfiche; book copy machines that copy to paper, CD or USB media; a photo scanner; over 10,000 microfilms; large periodical holdings; scores of historical and modern maps; and over 8,500 books. You can find a **map at** [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Orange\\_County\\_California\\_FamilySearch\\_Library](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Orange_County_California_FamilySearch_Library) and detailed information at <http://ocfamilyhistory.org/>.

## MEETING AGENDA

JUNE 18, 2017



Are you ready for the annual **QHGS Show-and-Tell Ice Cream Social** extravaganza? Our **theme** this year, in honor of Father's Day, is **"My Special Male Ancestor."** The Executive Board will host our members and guests to ice cream with toppings. We'll have brownie bits and cut up strawberries and who knows what else, noshing as we listen to our members and friends talk for 5 to 10 minutes about that special fellow in their family and how they discovered more about him by doing genealogy research. Do you have a great-grandfather who came to America fleeing war in Europe; a great-uncle who fought in WWI; a Patriot who gives you DAR membership; an inventor, a horse thief, a sports hero, or a DNA discovery about a half-brother you never knew existed? We look forward to hearing your stories and looking at your ancestors' photos, documents, and items of interest. Is there anything better than ice cream and genealogy? I think not!

# Fundraiser: Papalucci's Ristorante Living History: Mark Twain at the Rancho

## QHGS FUNDRAISER

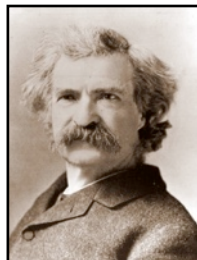
JUNE 20, 2017



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Questing Heirs is having our yearly fundraiser at Papalucci's Italian Ristorante. Join us on **Tuesday, June 20**, and help your Society by eating a delicious Italian dinner 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. What could be easier? Turn this fundraiser into a FUNraiser by bringing friends and family with you **between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and closing time**. You will enjoy an evening out in Belmont Shore while you help make our fundraiser a success! Need more information? Go to <http://www.papaluccis.com/> and click the "menu" tab to see appetizers, soups, salads, specialty pizzas, pastas, chicken, fish, and much more. Then click the "about" button to read about owner Dan Tarrantine, our generous sponsor, who will donate 20% of the evening's receipts to QHGS.

## RANCHO LOS CERRITOS

JUNE 24, 2017



The courtyard at Rancho Los Cerritos will be transformed into a plain air playhouse this summer. On **Saturday, June 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, Rancho Los Cerritos will present the second in a series of **living history performances**. None other than a young **Mark Twain**, played by Brian Rogalbuto, will visit Rancho Los Cerritos to offer side-splitting quips in a one-man show. After a brief intermission, Brian will be followed by Bruce Bounara appearing as **Jediah Smith**, a frontiersman, hunter, trapper, author, and explorer of the North American West, and the Southwest during the early 19th century, who was among the first Americans to explore California.. Tickets to each *History Comes Alive* performance cost \$25 per person and can be purchased online. For more information go to the Rancho's website at <http://www.rancholoscerritos.org/things-to-do-hub/special-events-hub/lectures-and-performances/>. You may also call (562) 206-2040.

## FINANCE REPORT

Mike Powers

April Income

\$41.60

April Expenses

\$00.00

F & M

Bank Balance

\$5,244.32

of which \$1,824.06

is restricted to

educational expenses

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## REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

### June Hosts

will be

the

QHGS

Executive

Board

Many thanks

to

our

May

Hosts

Terry Hamilton,

Tina McKillip,

Maxine Pitts,

and

Shirley Terry

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance

at

our

May meeting: 36

**A Warm Welcome  
to our guests!**

## Online Learning Opportunities

### WEBINARS TO WATCH

#### Minnesota Genealogical Society

“Using Google’s My Maps as a Research and Analysis Tool,” presented by Cari Taplin, CG, on **Wednesday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. This webinar will show how My Maps can be useful for genealogy. Register: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/6900088954058514179>.

#### Illinois Genealogical Society

“Preserving Old Family Letters: Tips From An Archivist,” presented by Melissa Barker on **Tuesday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. This talk will show how you can preserve your family letters so that they are protected for generations to come. Register: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/2682361248631831299>.

#### Legacy Family Tree

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between June 7 and June 28**: “Researching Your Minnesota Ancestors,” “The Increasing Need for Foreign Language Indexing,” “How Harry Potter Can Teach You About DNA,” “What Now? Your Next Steps with Autosomal DNA Testing,” “Using the GPS to Find Jacob Bush's Father,” “Virtual Family Reunions: Super Easy, Super Fun,” and “Canada's Top 10.”

#### Southern California Genealogical Society

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinar: “Turn Family History Facts into Stories You Can Share,” presented by Annette Burke Lyttle on **Wednesday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**.

#### Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

“100 Years Later: World War I Genealogy,” presented by Russell Horton on **Tuesday, June 20, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Russell Horton is the Reference Archivist at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. He will introduce the museum’s online World War I Database to help you find the doughboys in your family tree. Register: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/7746449023659591426>.

### 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](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars) you will find a list of all the FREE webinars that will be taught.

**Important Reminder: all FHL classes are scheduled in Mountain Time.**

#### June 2017 Schedule:

- 5 Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively
- 6 Overview of FamilySearch
- 7 Starting Family Tree: Preserving Memories Using Photos and Documents
- 7 Researching in German Archives
- 8 U. S. Vital Records Overview
- 12 Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively
- 13 Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch’s Historical Records
- 13 How to Find Ancestors in the Digitalarkivet
- 19 Chinese Research on FamilySearch
- 20 Family Tree Next Step: Attaching Non-FamilySearch Sources
- 20 Tracing Pre-1900 British Army Ancestors
- 21 Using the Genteam Website for Austrian and Czech research
- 22 What’s New at FamilySearch
- 22 Using the ScotlandsPeople Website
- 22 The Blue and the Grey: Finding U. S. Civil War Records
- 28 Introducing Danish Probates

**Research tip:** You can **download handouts** in pdf format from past presentations for **FREE** in the “Past Webinars and Handouts” section. Just go to the webpage highlighted above, scroll down, and choose your area of interest. Click on “show,” and a wide variety of helpful handouts that address your focus of interest will appear: “General Research,” “FamilySearch Tutorials,” “Canada Research,” “United States Research,” “European Research,” and “Latin American Research.”

## Local Learning Opportunities

### GSNOCC JULY SEMINAR



**Who:** Thomas MacEntee

**What:** GSNOCC Summer Seminar

**When:** Saturday, **July 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Where:** Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center, 16881 Bastanchury Road, (between Rose Drive and Imperial Highway), Yorba Linda

Thomas MacEntee is a genealogy professional who's also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, marketer, network builder and more.

He will present four lectures:

**Mind Mapping Your Research Plans and Results**

Learn about automated mind mapping tools that let you see your research in a new light.

**Wolfram Alpha for Genealogists**

Wolfram Alpha is a "computational knowledge engine" that provides solutions to questions like "How am I related to my great-grandmother's niece?" Learn how this unique site can expand your genealogy and family history research.

**Genealogy Education: Getting Your "Free" On**

We'll review various options to help you build a customized genealogy education plan.

**U.S. and Canada Newspaper Resources and Strategies**

Learn how to find the best historic newspaper sites (free and paid) and how to properly capture images and text to improve your genealogical research.

**Donation:** Members \$30.00 Non-Members: \$35.00

**Box lunch:** \$10.00 for pre-registration by July 21, 2017 only

**Registration at the door:** \$40.00 (No lunch available)

**Visit the GSNOCC website** for more information and to register: <http://www.gsnocc.org/2017-seminar.html>.

### SO CAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

**Corona Genealogical Society**

"Irish Research Online," presented by Janice Sellers on **Monday, June 5, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Corona Public Library, 650 South Main Street (at 6th), Corona.

**Orange County Jewish Genealogical Society**

"MyHeritage: What's New?" will be presented by Daniel Horowitz, the genealogy expert at MyHeritage, on **Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.**, at Temple Beth David, 6100 Hefley Street, Westminster. He will take us on a journey through new innovations that break ground precisely where technology and genealogy intersect at this amazing website. \$5 in advance (until May 30)/\$7 at the door. More information is available at <http://www.ocjgs.org/>.

**Society of Hispanic Historical & Ancestral Research**

"Interviewing Latino Veterans," by Judge Frederick Aguirre on **Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.** at the Orange Family History Center, 674 S. Yorba St., Orange.

**Mary Beth Ingvoldstad's Trunk Show**

A special program about the story of a Norwegian immigrant and her trunk coming to America, on **Saturday, June 10, 12:30 p.m.** at Christ Lutheran Church, 6500 E. Stearns St., Long Beach.

**Whittier Area Genealogical Society**

"Genealogical Resources at the Los Angeles Public Library," by Julie Huffman on **Saturday, June 17, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

**Genealogical Society of North Orange County**

"Preservation 101: Preserving Your Family Keepsakes," by Stephanie George on **Wednesday, June 21, 7:15 p.m.** at Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. (at Imperial), Yorba Linda.

**South Bay Cities Genealogical Society**

"1890 Census Substitutes," by Lisa Schumacher on **Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.** at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

## First WWI Draft Registration on June 5, 1917

The National Archives website tells us that, “on May 18, 1917, the Selective Service Act was passed authorizing the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States. The Selective Service System, under the office of the Provost Marshal General, was responsible for the process of selecting men for induction into the military service, from the initial registration to the actual delivery of men to military training camps. District boards were established by the President (one or more for each Federal Judicial District). The average district board had jurisdiction over approximately 30 local boards, each with an average registration of 5,000 men. The district boards had appellate jurisdiction over the decision of local boards in some claims and original jurisdiction in others. Local boards were established for each county or similar subdivision in each state, and for each 30,000 persons (approximately) in each city or county with a population over 30,000. The local boards were charged with the registration, determination of order and serial numbers, classification, call and entrainment of draftees. During World War I there were three registrations. The **first**, on **June 5, 1917**, was for all men between the ages of 21 and 31. The **second**, on **June 5, 1918**, registered those who attained age 21 after June 5, 1917. (A supplemental registration was held on August 24, 1918,



Registration Day



New Registrants

for those becoming 21 years old after June 5, 1918, and this was included in the second registration.) The **third** registration was held on **September 12, 1918**, for men age 18 through 45. The information included on each registration differs somewhat but the general information shown includes order and serial numbers (assigned by the Selective Service System), full name, date and place of birth, race, citizenship, occupation, personal description, and signature. The registration cards consist of approximately 24,000,000 cards of men who registered for the draft, (about 23% of the population in 1918). It is important to note that not all of the men who registered for the draft actually served in the military and not all men who served in the military registered for the draft. Moreover these are not military service records. They end when an individual reports to the army training camp. They contain no information about an individual's military service. After the signing of the armistice of November 11, 1918, the activities of the Selective Service System were rapidly curtailed. On March 31, 1919, all local, district, and medical advisory boards were closed, and on May 21, 1919, the last state headquarters closed operations.”

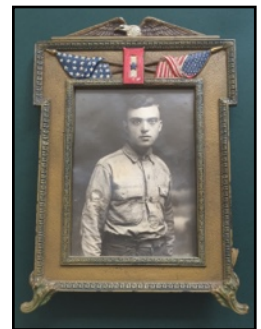
More information may be found at <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww1/draft-registration>.



571 REGISTRATION CARD	
1 Name	Louis Roth Zile
2 Date of Birth	June 21 1895
3 Place of Birth	Harford, Conn.
4 Race	White
5 Education	College
6 Occupation	Artist
7 Place of Employment	Artistic Studio
8 In what capacity?	Artist
9 How long employed?	1 year
10 How long in service?	1 year
11 How long in military service?	1 year
12 How long in military service?	1 year
I declare that I have filled above correctly and that they are true.	
Louis Zile	



REGISTRATION CARD	
1 Name	Raymond J. Leppa
2 Date of Birth	June 19 1895
3 Place of Birth	Harford, Conn.
4 Race	White
5 Education	College
6 Occupation	Artist
7 Place of Employment	Artistic Studio
8 In what capacity?	Artist
9 How long employed?	1 year
10 How long in service?	1 year
11 How long in military service?	1 year
12 How long in military service?	1 year
I declare that I have filled above correctly and that they are true.	
Raymond J. Leppa	



## Online Resources: WWI Draft Registration Cards

### JewishGen

<http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/wwidraft.htm>

A very good overview with lots of info.

### World War One Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918: Online Indexes and Finding Aids plus Microfilm Research Guide

<http://www.genealogybranches.com/worldwaronedraftcards.html>

### Blank WWI Draft Registration Cards

<http://genealogyhelpzone.blogspot.com/2010/05/blank-ww-i-draft-cards.html>

Downloadable pdf files for registration cards are here.

### United States World War I Draft Records

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_World\\_War\\_I\\_Draft\\_Records](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_World_War_I_Draft_Records)

### United States World War I Military Records, 1917 to 1918

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/World\\_War\\_I\\_United\\_States\\_Military\\_Records,\\_1917\\_to\\_1918](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/World_War_I_United_States_Military_Records,_1917_to_1918)

### Online World War I Indexes and Records - USA

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

### Notable Registrants of the World War I Draft

<https://www.archives.gov/atlanta/wwi-draft>

Louis Armstrong, Fred Astaire, Marcus Garvey, Edwin Hubble, and many more interesting registrations are available on this site.

### United States, Index to Naturalizations of World War I Soldiers (FamilySearch Historical Records)

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Index\\_to\\_Naturalizations\\_of\\_World\\_War\\_I\\_Soldiers\\_\(FamilySearch\\_Historical\\_Records\)](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Index_to_Naturalizations_of_World_War_I_Soldiers_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))

### WWI Draft Registration Records

<https://www.thoughtco.com/wwi-draft-registration-records-1422330>

A good overview by Kimberly Powell.

### WWI Draft Registration Cards: Uncovering Genealogy Clues in WWI Draft Registrations

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Document-Detective-WWI-Draft-Registrations>

Article in "Family Tree Magazine" by George G. Morgan.

### Selective Service Act of 1917

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selective\\_Service\\_Act\\_of\\_1917](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selective_Service_Act_of_1917)

### National World War I Museum and Memorial

<https://www.theworldwar.org/>

View photos, postcards, posters, records, and much more.

### Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/topics/world-war-i/>

The LOC marks the 100th anniversary of U.S. entry into the war with its remarkable World War I resources.

**Next Month** we will continue our WWI draft research to demonstrate how information found on one registration card led to discoveries about Dudley J. Nelson's life.



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Lakewood Masonic Center Hall

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FROM 5:00 P.M. TO CLOSING



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