

Bio for Claire Weidemier McKarns Lecture August

2020

Claire grew up in a small town in CT and graduated from Cornell University and McGill Medical School.

In 1964 she decided to come to California for her year of internship to 'try it out'. 56 years later she still calls it home. Dr Weidemier worked in the medical field for 30 years, as an Emergency physician and Urgent Care doctor. She was the first full time Emergency physician at Santa Monica Hospital and was one of the first women in the country to establish a free standing Urgent Care Clinic in Irvine CA in 1980.

Her interest and knowledge in Genealogy has grown since she began to explore her family history in 1990. She has traveled to many places to explore her roots and has taken on many research projects for friends and clients. Once started, she is tenacious and usually successful. Her delight in solving mysteries goes back to her childhood puzzles and Nancy Drew books.

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In the 1970's Claire began quilting and now makes over a hundred quilts a year for the Assistance League and other charities. Her passion is the combinations of color and pattern. During retirement she is repairing antique quilts and doing some professional Genealogy. In between Claire is exploring her DNA relatives.

SDGS Outline August 2020

Walls I Have Scaled – We all know how difficult it becomes when one “hits the wall.” Today I will explore a number of cases where it was possible to scale the wall with persistence. I will share with you my lessons learned in these families.

1. The naughty lady from Slocum Hollow and her descendants. Winters children – hidden in plain sight
2. John Keith – landscape or con artist

More stories if time allows.

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