

QUESTING HEIRS

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ANTIQUÉ PHOTOGRAPHY

The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society will meet on Sunday, December 4th, 1977, at the Long Beach Public Library Auditorium, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach. The guest speaker will be Mr. Edd Tuttle of Tuttle Cameras. His topic will be Antique Photography. The Library doors open at 1:30 p.m.; Early Bird lessons starts at 1:45 p.m.; and business meeting at 2:30 p.m.

EARLY BIRD

The fourth lesson in the Beginners Class will be on the Los Angeles Public Library, presented by Molly Molyneaux; and the Los Angeles LDS Temple Library, presented by Jackie Riley. These two libraries contain many valuable sources and are a must visit for any genealogist.

1978 DUES

The 1978 Membership Dues are now payable: \$5 for single membership, \$7.50 for family membership. Because library regulations do not allow collecting of dues there, all monies need to be mailed to the P. O. Box (Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 15102, Long Beach, CA 90815). Newsletters will be mailed only to members whose dues are paid up.

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

HAPPY

NEW

YEAR

MOLLY'S CLASSES

Molly Molyneaux is teaching two successful adult education classes. At Wilson High she has 48 persons enrolled, and at Leisure World there are 52 persons in the class. These classes will be repeated in the Spring semester.

SAVE THE DATE - JAN. 15th

Starting in January 1978, the Questing Heirs will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month. For January, it means we will meet on January 15th. Due to the change in meetings and in publishing procedures, the newsletter deadline will also change. All items to be considered for printing must be submitted by the day after a meeting, for the following month's newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM

On November 13th, Thelma Rucker passed away. She had been a member of the Questing Heirs for a number of years and we regret her passing.

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MOTHER COLONY HISTORY ROOM

ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY, CENTRAL LIBRARY

Starting from a small nucleus, the Mother Colony History Room, located in the Anaheim Public Library at 500 West Main, is now a depository for thousands of books, photographs, posters, prints, and pamphlets. This collection of valuable material retains the story of California's past, particularly that of the Orange County area. The collection, while not specifically of a genealogical nature, is important because it gives one the true feel of the past.

The Mother Colony History Room is a large one with many displays, both in cases and in the open, a number of files and hundreds of books. While there is a card catalogue of the holdings, it is incomplete but being brought up to date as quickly as possible. It is in the process of a filing reorganization.

The following is a list of just a few of the many interesting items being collected and preserved by the Friends of the Library, whose goal is to make the Mother Colony History Room into a major research center for local history.

- 1) A Biographical File on many prominent persons in Orange County.
- 2) An Information File on various miscellaneous Orange County items: churches, businesses, people, events, etc.
- 3) Over 12,000 pictures catalogued and identified as well as possible.
- 4) Some actual old deeds of Orange County and a few other locales.
- 5) An official depository of Walt Disney materials, with particular emphasis on Disneyland, Anaheim.
- 6) Scrap books, albums, a children's book collection.
- 7) An early 1900 Plat Book of Orange County, plus reproductions of Spanish maps.
- 8) 39 volumes of Bancroft's Works.
- 9) Writings of Junipero Serra - 4 volumes (English and Spanish text side by side).
- 10) Microfilm copies of the ANAHEIM GAZETTE (1870-1964) and ANAHEIM BULLETIN (since 1923).
- 11) Old Directories of Los Angeles County and City (first one is 1872) and of Orange County - some reproduced copies.

This is just to give an idea of the many sources available at this library. The staff is very helpful and proud of their collection. Microfilm readers are available, with photocopying of film materials available by ordering.

The Room is open only from 9-6, Monday-Friday. The Library is also soliciting donations of materials of any sort by persons or groups.

As was the trademark for a familiar radio program, "Let us now take you back to those thrilling days of yesteryear...", the Mother Colony History Room can do the same for you.

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GENEALOGY BOOK

Recently, Great Western Savings and Loan Association gave away free a book, HOW TO FIND YOUR OWN ROOTS by Lisa Ray Clewer. If you were unable to get one or would like to give one as a gift, they are now available for \$2.00 postpaid. It is available from the Everton Publishers, P.O. Box 368, Logan, Utah, 84321. It is well written and a brief "How-to" book with many examples and a listing of major libraries, periodicals and societies. It is well worth owning.

LAND RECORDS

Identifying the area where one's ancestors lived is an important aspect in a genealogical research. There are various tools available in the oftentimes elusive hunt. Deeds, wills, mortgages, and various kinds of maps, can be used for an effective search.

The recording of land transactions by deeds and mortgages will sometimes give more than just the description of the land. In deeds (also wills), provisions can perhaps be made for an elderly person. The following is taken from a deed, dated 3 March 1838 in Oswego County, New York. "...subject to be paid all the rents and proceeds and profits which may accrue or be realized from said premises to Abigail Wilson wife of Samuel Wilson of Oswego aforesaid for her support and maintenance and for the support and education of her infant children exclusively so long as she the said Abigail Wilson shall live...".

These records are usually at the county seat where they may be read by the genealogist and researcher. Fortunately, one does not always need to make a personal visit to inspect them. The Mormon Church is microfilming thousands of items each month, including deeds, wills, mortgages, probate records, and other important papers. These may be ordered from any of the LDS branch libraries for a very nominal fee. (Note: not all branches, such as the Long Beach one, have microfilm printers. Be prepared to write out any of your findings.)

Plat maps of the area describe who owns which land. Roads, cemeteries, rivers, schools, and town areas are some of the indications on the map. They usually do not go into detail about geographical features (hills, etc.). It is best to try and look at a plat map of the time period that you are interested in for best comparisons.

The Highway Division of each county (or at the state level if the county is too small) is another source of good maps. If there is a fee for a map, it would depend on the individual county.

For details about all of the geographical features of a county, you should get the U. S. Geological Survey map of the area in which you are interested. The maps, usually referred to as "Quadrangle maps," can get down to an extremely small scale--1:24,000. One inch on the map represents 2,000 feet on the ground thus allowing the indication of small plots of ground such as small family cemeteries.

These topographic maps were first started in 1882. The maps indicate all of the roads, rivers, wooded areas (shaded green), large buildings, telephone lines, elevations, cemeteries, etc., in an area. The types of roads are indicated, to help in determining the accessibility to maybe one's family homestead.

One orders the Index to Topographic Maps for the state that is desired. This copy is free. From the index, one orders the specific geological map(s) wanted. At present, the fee is \$1.25 per map (as of November 1977). A list of map vendors in the state where the buyer is located, is also provided.

For those living east of the Mississippi River (including Minnesota), they should write to:

Branch of Distribution, Eastern Region
U. S. Geological Survey
1200 South Eads Street
Arlington, Virginia 22202

LAND RECORDS, cont.

Those living west of the Mississippi River should order from:

Branch of Distribution, Central Region
U. S. Geological Survey
Box 25286, Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225

Maps ordered from the above will be of current printings. If older maps are desired, information about specific areas can be obtained from:

U. S. Geological Survey
National Cartographic Information Center
Mail Stop 507
Reston, Virginia 22092

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EDITOR'S LETTER

As the year closes, it is time to reflect on the past twelve months. It has been a full year with many up and down cycles. Fortunately, cycles of good times were longer and more frequent than those of unhappy times.

One of the more memorable events of the past year was the month-long visit of a university student from Belgium, the country in which my husband's grandfather was born. It was a very interesting exchange of ideas, customs, and culture. We learned more and had a better feeling about our heritage than we could have ever gained from reading a book.

There is another idea that I would like to share with you. During the coming holiday season as families and friends gather together, traditions play an important part in the joys and memories of this time of the year. Maybe you can have your family share what these traditions mean to them or share how they might have started. Write them down or record them in some way. This is part of your heritage; a heritage that can become more meaningful to your descendants. Haven't you sometimes wondered how your ancestors celebrated Christmas and other important days of their lives?

Begin your family history now so that in future years, your descendants will know what "Great Grandma and Great Grandpa" did.

May this next year bring you many joys and blessings.

Jackie Riley

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RON BREMER

On December 31st, Ron Bremer will be the speaker at 1307 South Orange, West Covina. He will give a short summary first, then a workshop for the rest of the day. For further information, call (213) 337-9617.

PEDIGREE CHARTS

The Pedigree Charts are of our members and taken from the Pedigree Book of the Society. If you wish to have yours published in the future, turn in your sheets to Bonnie Ralston. Several pages will be published each month until all of the sheets are published.

To find the father of any person, simply double the number on any chart. The wife of any man is found by adding one.

Chart of DANFORTH W. FRANKS, 4356 Whitewood Ave, Long Beach, Calif 90808, cont.

3. DANFORTH, Katherine Ariana, B: 2 Nov 1868, Washington, Ill, D: 27 (28?) May 1960, Peoria, Illinois
4. FRANKS, Joseph Wilson, B: 13 Apr 1892, Newark, Nottinghamshire, Eng. M: 5 Jun 1853, D: 26 Feb 1903, Peoria, Illinois
5. BARRETT, Hanno
6. DANFORTH, Almon George, B: 8 Dec 1840, Washington, Ill, M: 17 Oct 1861, D: 20 June 1927, Washington, Illinois
7. BURTON, Susan Amaranth, B: 3 Apr 1841, Washington, Ill, D: 23 Aug 1919, Washington, Ill
12. DANFORTH, Asa Hamilton, B: 4 Jun 1813, Norton, Mass, M: 25 Feb 1839, D: 29 Nov 1890, Washington, Ill.
13. RUPERT, Catherine Ariana, B: 3 Dec 1819, Pt. Pleasant, Macon Co, Va, D: Washington, Ill.
14. BURTON, Dr. R. W., B: Ky
15. GAUNT, Mary
24. DANFORTH, Asa, B: 1779, Norton
25. WALKER, Hannah
48. DANFORTH, B: 1733, Taunton, Mass
49. COPELAND, Susannah
50. WALKER, Eleazer
51. CARPENTER, Catherine
96. DANFORTH, Thomas, B: 1703, Tauton, Mass
97. LEONARD, Sarah
98. COPELAND, Dea. Benjamin
192. DANFORTH, Samuel, B: 1666, Rodney, Mass
193. ALLEN, Hannah
194. LEONARD, Capt. James
195. (WALLEY)(STONE), Hannah
196. COPELAND, William
197. BASS, Mary
384. DANFORTH, Samuel, B: 1626, Framlingham, Eng. came to Cambridge, Mass 1634.
385. WILSON, Mary, B: 1633, Boston, Mass
386. ALLEN, Rev. James (Pastor, 1st Church of Boston)
394. BASS, John
395. ALDEN, Ruth
768. DANFORTH, Nicholas
769. (SYMMES?), Elizabeth
770. WILSON, Rev. John (Pastor, 1st Church of Boston)
771. MANSFIELD, Elizabeth
790. ALDEN, John
791. MULLINS, Priscille
1542. MANSFIELD, Sir John

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Chart of LOIS MERRILL CASE, 4623 Arbor Rd, Long Beach, Calif 90808

1. MERRILL, Emma Lois, B: 17 Oct, Toma, Iowa, M: 1930, Sioux City, Iowa, Walter L. Case
2. MERRILL, William Henry, B: 1870, 2 mi from Little Brown Church in the Vale, M: 1900, D: 1958, Long Beach, Calif
3. DICKINSON, Emma Dorothy, B: Powscheik County, 1877, Forest Home, Iowa, D: 1861, Long Beach, Calif.
4. MERRILL, James Milton, D: Sioux City, Iowa (87 years old)

5. WATKIN, Isabelle, B: Dorr County, Wisc, D: 1919, Sioux City, Iowa
6. DICKINSON, Benjamin, D: Tama, Iowa
7. BERGHOLT-SHULTZ, Sophia Charlotte, D: 1932 (78 years old), Tama, Iowa
8. MERRILL, Emma
9. RICH (Welsh) Rhoda
10. WATKIN, (Judge?) Henry D: Burdem, England
11. FOSTER, Ann, B: 1880?
12. DICKINSON, Zeladiah, M: (1632, England)
13. POWELL, Mary
14. BERGHOLT, John, (changed from Shultz) B: Mecklingburg, Germany
15. LEPELL, Dorothy Charlotte
22. Judge in 1800 in Dorr County, Wisconsin

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Chart of Elizabeth Bushnell Chalker, 3363 Lewis Ave, Long Beach, Calif 90807

1. BUSHNELL, Elizabeth, B: 5 Nov, Twin Bridges, Montana, M: 28 Aug 1931, James Marion Chalker
2. BUSHNELL, Thomas Dwight, B: 27 Jan 1874, East Leroy, Mich, M: 7 Nov 1901, D: 14 Nov 1963, Tacoma, Washington
3. PAGE, Mary Elizabeth, B: 30 Dec 1876, Pageville, Montana, D: 5 Feb 1916, Long Beach, Cal.
4. BUSHNELL, Harlow Dwight, B: 29 Dec 1849, East Leroy, Mich, M: 14 Nov 1872, D: 9 Mar 1926, East Leroy, Michigan
5. ELDRED, Leoda P., B: 18 May 1852, Climax, Michigan, D: 14 May 1877, Climax, Michigan
6. PAGE, James Madison, B: 22 Jul 1839, Crawford Co, Penn, M: 7 July 1872, D: 7 Oct 1924, Long Beach, Calif
7. CHRISTIANSEN, Mary Elizabeth, B: 23 Aug 1852, Schleswig Holstein, Denmark, D: 30 Oct 1944, Twin Bridges, Montana
8. BUSHNELL, Dudley Nathaniel, B: 30 Apr 1808, Saybrook, Conn, M: 4 Dec 1831, D: 25 Sept 1870, Leroy, Michigan
9. BUSHNELL, Olivia S., B: 14 Jan 1811, Schoharie Co, N.Y., D: 19 June 1888, Leroy, Michigan
10. ELDRED, Thomas B. M. 24 Sept ?,
11. , Eliza B.
12. PAGE, Wallace, B: 1810, Mass, M: 18 Apr 1832
13. BONNEY, Nancy, 1816, Mass.
14. CHRISTIANSEN, Christian, B: 1819, Schleswig Holstein, Denmark, M: ca 1843, D: 4 Aug 1885, Wisconsin Creek, Montana
15. FETTERSON, Ester, B: May 1824, Schleswig Holstein, Denmark, D: 21 Sept 1905, Pageville, Montana
16. BUSHNELL, George
17. DUDLEY, Eunice Rebecca
18. BUSHNELL, Asa
19. WEST, Prudence

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Chart of FAYE JONES DEVORE, 6464 Nixon Street, Lakewood, Calif 90713

1. JONES, Wilma Faye, B: 23 Mar, Lawrence, Kansas, M: 3 Sept 1946, Paul Wesley DeVore
2. JONES, Thomas Humphrey, B: 27 Feb 1885, Clarke Co, Iowa, M: 11 Mar 1906, D: 19 May 1906, Lawrence, Kansas
3. CLAWSON, Mary Ellen, B: 2 Nov 1837, Decatur Co, Iowa, D: 26 Nov 1952, Long Beach, Calif
4. JONES, Humphrey V., B: 1848, Montgomeryshire, Wales, M: 1878, Wales, D: Apr 1921, Decatur, Iowa
5. PARRY, Elizabeth, 1854, Montgomeryshire, Wales, D: 25 June 1902, Decatur, Iowa
6. CLAWSON, Josiah Franklin, B: 28 Sept 1851, Auglaire Co, Ohio, M: 3 Mar 1885, D: 24 Feb 1944, Lawrence, Kansas
7. BURCHETT, Rebecca Ann, D: 24 Apr 1866, Decatur Co, Iowa, D: 15 Sept 1936, Lawrence, Kansas
8. JONES, John, B: Wales, D: Montgomeryshire, Wales
9. JONES, Mary, D: Montgomeryshire, Wales
10. PARRY, David, B: Wales, D: Montgomeryshire, Wales
11. Elizabeth, B: 26 Nov 1821, Montgomeryshire, Wales, D: 22 Jul 1911, Wales
12. CLAWSON, Isaiah, B: 18 Jun 1818, Ohio, M: 10 May 1849, D: 5 Jan 1890, Decatur Co, Iowa

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Some of the people served on a one time basis and some for the whole year. All the help was greatly appreciated.

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Officer Slate for 1978

This is the slate presented by the nominating committee to be voted on at December meeting:

President -- Naydean Updike
Vice President -- Kenneth Fitzpatrick
Recording Secretary -- Virginia Fitzpatrick
Corresponding Secretary -- Gerald Cook
Treasurer -- Pearl Seager
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Librarian --
Editor -- Jackie Riley

Nominations are welcome and desired from the floor. Have consent of the person that you nominate to be sure they will serve.

The newsletter has been published since 1969 by the Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach, California. The Society was organized in June 1969 for the purpose of collecting and preserving and publishing data relating to genealogy. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 2:45 PM in the auditorium of the Long Beach Library, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California. We are not responsible for correctness of material published, but will gladly print corrections when submitted.

Membership in the Society includes the monthly newsletter. There are two types of annual memberships: Family - \$7.50, individuals - \$5.00. Membership applications should be addressed to Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, P O Box 15102, Long Beach, California 90815.

Material for publication in the newsletter or questions regarding it should be sent to Mrs Jackie Riley, 122 E 16th Street, Long Beach, California 90813.

Correspondence of a general nature should be addressed to:

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