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**MONTHLY MEETING:** third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m.  
Resurrection Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 1900 East Carson Street, Long Beach

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006**

<b>12:45</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>BASIC: Beginning Family Research</b>
	<b>Period</b>	
<b>1:15</b>		<b>INTERMEDIATE: GLO &amp; Federal Land Records</b> <b>presented by John McCoy</b>

<b>2:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Time for chatting, browsing, and refreshments</b>
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<b>2:15</b>	<b>Business</b>	
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<b>2:30</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>  <b>GREG WILLIAMS</b> <b>RANCHO SAN PEDRO: THE ARCHIVES AT</b> <b>CAL STATE, DOMINGUEZ HILLS</b>
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**NO REST FOR THE GENEALOGIST**

*BY JOHN MC COY*

Were you there? The Questing Heirs holiday party was sensational! I noticed everyone seemed more animated when they left than when they arrived. You might think we would spend the rest of the holidays relaxing. You would be wrong!

I had barely unloaded the car when I learned long-awaited microfilms had arrived at the Los Angeles Regional Family History Center. After years of staring at that brick wall in Warren Co., Ohio, here was my chance to tease out a fact or two. But I had other obligations, such as my job, so there I was on December 23, the last possible day before the Family History Center closed until after the holidays, frantically cranking the microfilm reader. I had to check those tax lists and then do my last-minute Christmas shopping on the way home. In the event, I'm still not sure what I found, but it seems the David McCay in the records of Warren Co. circa 1830 could be the mysterious Mr. McCoy in my ancestry, the second McCoy family in my pedigree. Land records will eventually tell if his wife was Louisa, as required! If not, back to the drawing board!

Meanwhile, just before Christmas, copies of two more DAR applications arrived in the mail. I was not impressed by the research, but they revealed two lost branches of my Moore family. I spent several evenings trying to locate these families on Ancestry.com, with limited success.

By the time Liz Myers notified me on Christmas Eve that the Bureau of Land Management web site had suddenly come back to life, after an absence of many months, there was no time left. The BLM would have to wait until after Christmas.

The stockings were not hung by the chimney; thanks to our warm climate, I don't have one. The sky was gray by day and foggy by night. The snow did not lay round about, just a layer of dampness. There were no tiny reindeer, only stray cats and, so my nose tells me, a skunk sheltering under the building. But somehow, everything worked out as if it had been planned. The last-minute gifts ordered on the internet were delivered on time and without breaking.

Now all that remains is the clean-up. Then perhaps I will have time to sort through the mounds of papers that have piled up around my desk in the past year. Somehow, I have to find a home for all of the books, papers, digital media, and other artifacts of my hobby. It is absolutely essential to start 2006 with a clean slate and a clean desk because, in a matter of days, the torrent of paper will start all over again.

That's why we have a holiday party every year. We depend on our fellow genealogists to give us a boost of energy! Thank you all (and to all a good night).

Now fasten your seat belts! In 2006, we will race around the world via the internet, as more and more precious documents come to light. There will be new cousins and new friends. Stories we thought we would never find! Photographs! Authentic signatures! DNA evidence! Are you searching, as I am, for yet another Smith? The elusive Abner Rice? The answer to all the McCoy questions? Whatever your missing link, this could be the year! We will have much to celebrate at the next holiday party!

**QUESTING HEIRS NEWS**

**OUR DECEMBER PARTY**

For those of you who weren't able to attend, our Christmas potluck this year turned into a real party. With long tables set up in a large U shape, rather than having the round tables scattered about the room, attendees were seated closer to each other and better able to converse. Also, attention could be focused on those who offered personal comments pertaining to the questions posed in our last Newsletter because they stood in the center of the U.

Decorated with greens and a couple bouquets from his garden, as well as colorful gift bags filled with surprises at each place, John McCoy made the tables quite festive. MaryEmma Hargrave was the victim of a Chinese finger trap (an item in her bag), and while she laughed hysterically, several other genealogists worked to set her free.

The food contributed was delicious, as indicated by the fact that most was consumed and didn't have to be toted home again. Everyone pitched in to help clean up afterwards, so many hands made light work.

Next year, we hope to add a few more features to the program and hope that even more of our members will join in the fun.

**BRICK WALLS**

Remember, if you have hit a "brick wall" in your research, bring the problem to one of our monthly meetings. Time permitting, we will see if other members have suggestions to help you overcome it.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**ANCIENT GENEALOGY**

Setting: The Trojan War has been over for ten years, and Odysseus has been missing for five or six years. Telemachus, the son of Penelope and Odysseus who was born just before Odysseus left for the war, is now about 21 years old and talking to the goddess Athena.

Then wise Telemachus answered her: "Therefore of a truth, stranger, will I frankly tell thee all. My mother says that I am his child; but I know not, for never yet did any man of himself know his own parentage. Ah, would that I had been the son of some blest man, whom old age overtook among his own possessions. But now of him who was the most ill-fated of mortal men they say that I am sprung, since thou askest me of this." Then the goddess, flashing-eyed Athena, answered him: "Surely, then, no nameless lineage have the gods appointed for thee in time to come, seeing that Penelope bore thee such as thou art."

*From The Odyssey by Homer, Book 1, lines 214 to 224 (Murray translation). Submitted by Diane Bouvier.*

**AUTOGRAPH CORNER**

*When the golden sun is sinking  
and your mind from care is free,  
while of others you are thinking,  
will you sometimes think of me.*

Remember our school days and the autograph books we used to pass around to friends? If you have a favorite autograph verse—sentimental or silly—please pass it along to Linda Artuso for inclusion in a future newsletter.

## METHODS & SOURCES

### HUNTING FOR YOUR HERITAGE

Looking for a fun way to introduce children to the world of genealogy and family history? Look no further than the Hunting for your Heritage comic book available from the National Genealogical Society. This educational comic book is a full-color adventure story that teaches children about ancestors, descendants, generations and family trees. This fun booklet even includes a blank pedigree chart and family group sheet that readers can copy and use! This is a great item to purchase for use as a give away at genealogy fairs and libraries. Please click on the following link for pricing and ordering instructions.

<<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/comic.cfm>>

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< <http://www.NGSGenealogy.org/upfront.htm>>

### MARYLAND MARRIAGES

Robert W. Barnes has a new book out titled *Maryland Marriage Evidences, 1634-1718*. He has authored three previous books of Maryland Marriages covering the years 1634-1777, 1778-1800, and 1801-1820. They were listings of marriages found in church records, but not all marriages were recorded in church records, and not all of those records survived.

The list in Mr. Barnes' new book is based on other "evidences" of marriages, such as parish registers, marriage licenses and allegations, banns, and pastoral registers. Indirect references also come from land records, probate and court records, marriage contracts, and private sources such as Bibles, diaries, letters, and newspapers.

*From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 8 Dec 2005. Copyright 2005 by Richard W. Eastman. Available at <<http://www.eogn.com>>.*

### SEARCH TIPS

When looking for a family and unable to find more than the parents and one or two of their children, use a combination of the child's first name plus their approximate age in the same township and county, or a township next to the one where the parents live. I have found some siblings that way where the widowed mother, who apparently could not afford to support all her children, "farmed out" her children, one by one, to various families, who were listed in the 1870 census as "servants" and also went to school. The children lived near their mother, but not so close that they were on the page before or after her listing in the census. From other sources I determined that her husband had died of wounds suffered in the Civil War and she was not awarded a widow's pension until the 1880s.

I also used a combination of first name, age and birthplace to find my great-grandfather in Chicago in the 1910 census. It took going through about 450 Williams, but, finally, there he was. Not only was his name misspelled by the census taker (no surprise there), but the indexer had misread what the census taker had written. I really appreciate Ancestry's census search flexibility.

*Elizabeth Corethers, Ancestry Quick Tip, 29 Nov 2005. Copyright 1998-2005. MyFamily.com, Inc. and its subsidiaries. <<http://www.ancestry.com/dailynews>>*

### CANADIAN SHIP MANIFESTS

National Archives Canada plans to have digitized images of passenger lists in a database online for almost every port of entry for 1865-1921. The Nanaimo Family History Society is preparing an index for 1900-1921 for passengers arriving at Halifax and Quebec (including Montreal).

*Eastman Online Gen. Newsletter, 2 Dec 2005.*

## ON THE WEB

### ANTHROGENEALOGY

What is anthrogenealogy? It is a word coined by FamilyTreeDNA to describe the combination of two sciences: anthropology and genealogy. By comparing specific locations on the non-recombining Y-chromosome or mitochondrial DNA each of us has inherited from our fathers and mothers, it is now possible to connect unknown family members.

If you're interested in discussing or learning more about ancient genetic ancestry, DNA test results, and haplogroup assignment based on these tests, visit the website listed below. You can read the questions and answers without joining the group.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DNA-ANTHROGENEALOGY>

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### HELP WITH PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS

*An Ancestry.com Quick Tip submitted by Staff Writer, George:*

In tracing ancestors you will frequently find references to property. It may be described in metes and bounds, or as section 14, Twp number 20, or SW ¼ of NE ½. What does it all mean and how can you locate the property? There is an excellent website that will take you through the whole procedure. It explains it very clearly. If on the other hand you encounter the word "portiones" (there are other spellings) it is Spanish for portions. This is a term used in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California to describe early Spanish Land grants. In dry country they were often very long and narrow, fronting on a river to give each holder access to water. The website is at [http://nationalatlas.gov/articles/boundaries/a\\_plss.html](http://nationalatlas.gov/articles/boundaries/a_plss.html).

### KENTUCKY LAND RECORDS

<http://sos.ky.gov/land/search>

The above website will allow you to access all Kentucky Land Office databases. They include:

1. Kentucky Cities
2. Revolutionary War Warrants
3. West of Tennessee River Military Patents
4. Certificates of Settlement & Preemption Warrants
5. Lincoln [County] Entries
6. County Court Order Patents
7. Jackson Purchase
8. County Formations

No. 2 contains information on 4748 warrants issued to Virginia veterans or their assigns prior to 1792, and you can view images from the Warrants Register and all Kentucky patent files authorized by Revolutionary War Warrants.

At No. 3, images of patent files are linked to the "Authorized Patents" field on a daily basis. Digitized images of the Certificates of Settlement and Commissioners' Authorizations for Preemption Warrants are available by clicking the Preemption Warrant Number field. With the permission of the Library of Virginia, the Kentucky Dept. for Libraries & Archives is also digitizing microfilm of the Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrant Approvals.

The Lincoln County Entries (No. 5) consist of 4763 entries filed with the Lincoln County Surveyor's Office when that county comprised one-third of Kentucky.

The Jackson Purchase (No. 7) was the only area in Kentucky mapped by the public land system used by the federal government.

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## OF INTEREST

### 2006 NGS CONFERENCE

The 2006 National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States, sponsored with the Chicagoland Genealogical Consortium, will be held in Chicago from June 7 through 10 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. The theme of this year's conference is "They Passed This Way."

- More than 140 lectures, workshops, luncheons, and networking events led by experts in the field
- Valuable sessions for beginner, intermediate, and advanced researchers
- Specialized programs for local, national, military, and ethnic research
- Records and technology tracks presenting the latest in high-tech innovation

"Professor Allen Weinstein, the newly appointed Archivist of the United States, will open the NGS Conference in the States....At his recent swearing-in, he announced that he wanted to save essential electronic government records and extend the archival experience to citizens outside of Washington. He also called on the Bush administration to reconsider its budget and to restore funding to the archives' grant-making wing."

For information and registration online, visit the NGS website at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> or telephone NGS at (800) 473-0060 for a conference brochure.

*From the Conference flyer. Quotation originally published in UpFront with NGS, The Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society, Vol. 4, No. 15, 1 Dec 2005.*  
<<http://www.NGSGenealogy.org/upfront.htm>>

### APG ELECTIONS

Sharon Tate Moody, a Certified Genealogist (CG) from Sun City Center, Fla., has been elected president of the board of directors of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the world's leading professional organization of family history and related professionals.

Moody...said, "One of our focuses over the next two years will be to educate the consuming public and the professional community about the broad possibilities of activities that come under the term 'genealogist.' We like to think of APG as an umbrella under which we have gathered researchers, lecturers, editors, publishers, columnists, authors, project managers, librarians, language specialists, photographic experts, heir researchers, adoption specialists, historians, and family reunion organizers." Moody added, "Of course, we will continue to seek opportunities to support professionals in their growth and service to their clients."

Others elected to two-year terms starting Jan. 1, 2006, were Jake Gehring as vice president, John V. Wylie as secretary, Beverly Rice, CG, as treasurer. She is also secretary of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. Suzanne Russo Adams of Orem, Utah, and Gordon Gray of Colorado Springs, Colo., will be directors of Region 1 (Western U.S.).

The APG website is <[www.apgen.org](http://www.apgen.org)>.

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If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.

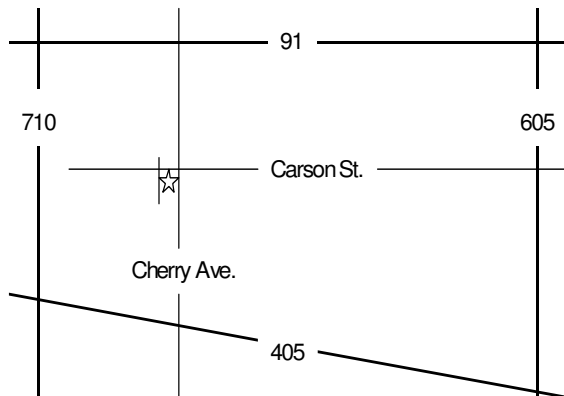
George Bernard Shaw  
Irish dramatist & socialist

**C A L E N D A R**

Saturday, January 7, 9:00 am-1:30 pm. Orange County, California, Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach. Several classes, interest groups, and presentations. Main program by Joan Rambo: "Be Prepared for Successful Research." There is a fee of \$5.00 for all workshops, except Basic Genealogy.

Saturday, January 14, 9:30 a.m. Southern California Genealogical Society monthly meeting. SCGS Library, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank. Main program at noon: "I Thought I Was Organized – So Don't Do What I Did!" by Charlotte Bocage.

Sunday, January 15, 1:15–3:30 p.m. Questing Heirs Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Parish Hall, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1900 East Carson Street, Long Beach. Parking and entrance on Gardenia Avenue, one block west of Cherry Avenue. See map below. For meeting information, please see page 2.



Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. Genealogical Society of North Orange County. Yorba Linda Community Center (Imperial Room A), Imperial Highway and Casa Loma, Yorba Linda. Topic: "Women of the Civil War" by Emily Teipe.

Saturday, January 21, 1:00 p.m. Whittier Area Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier. Program: Ann Browning on "The Story of the Orphan Train".

Sunday, January 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. British Isles Family History Society-USA general meeting at the Los Angeles Regional FHC\*. An expert panel will address members' questions. It is best to submit your questions in advance by e-mail to [janetthomas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janetthomas@sbcglobal.net).



**2006 JAMBOREE**

The Southern California Genealogical Society's annual Jamboree will be held May 5 and 6 at the Burbank Hilton this year. For information, go to [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com) or for questions, e-mail [Jamboree@scgsgenealogy.com](mailto:Jamboree@scgsgenealogy.com).



\*FHC stands for Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. FHCs are open free of charge to members of the general public interested in doing genealogical research. Volunteers are on hand and will gladly give you assistance. Regular hours for the Los Angeles Regional FHC are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. The LARFHC is located on the grounds of the Los Angeles Temple, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Los Angeles; their phone number is (310) 474-9990. Their web page at <http://www.larfhc.org> provides details of their extensive collection. There are smaller FHCs locally, in Long Beach at 3701 Elm Avenue in Bixby Knolls, phone (562) 988-0509, in Los Alamitos, phone (714) 821-6914, and in Cerritos, phone (562) 924-3676. It is advisable to call ahead to the local centers, as their hours may change from time to time.