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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, MAY 21, 2006
1:15 – 4:00 PM

BETTY MARIE MARR MEMORIAL LECTURE

FEATURING

HENRY Z. "HANK" JONES, JR., FASG

TOPICS:

**TRACING THE ORIGINS OF 18TH CENTURY GERMAN AND OTHER
EMIGRANTS**

GENEALOGY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

100 YEARS AGO

BY JOHN MC COY

The Great San Francisco Earthquake struck at 5:12 AM on April 18, 1906. I was surprised to learn that there are still a handful of survivors, one of them interviewed at age 108. On the centennial of the great quake, we have been treated to several documentaries that make us proud to live in the Golden State.

From its humble beginnings, San Francisco quickly rose to the status of a miraculous boom town. Members of Questing Heirs saw some of the amazing photographs of San Francisco's first half-century last year when I presented a program on "How We Got to California." It was a fabulous place, and it still is!

After the quake, evidently within minutes, photographers were in the streets. This may have been the first great disaster to be so documented. What shines through these grainy images a century later is something that is not actually on the film, the grand spirit of California.

San Francisco, like the rest of our state, was built by enterprising men and women who were not afraid to think big. They came west (or, in some cases, east) *because* they were seized by the notion that they were capable of great things. A whole community sprang up in the Gold Rush days, united by their belief in what was possible. The prophecy was self-fulfilling. You had only to talk to the old-timers (that is, anyone who had lived in San Francisco for more than a few years) to understand the incredible progress.

I have always thought the survivors in those pictures, taken amidst the smoke and rubble, looked remarkably self-assured. I think they understood that the great city was not gone, because it still existed within their hearts. All along, the exuberant city of the old photographs was only an outward manifestation of something much deeper. They knew all along that they were a great city, and they knew exactly what the restored city should look like. Within three years, the city had sprung up again, as if by magic, better than ever.

Here in California, I think most of us still believe in possibilities. Sometimes I wonder if that belief is shared by the rest of the country. The process of rebuilding in lower Manhattan has been mired in endless quibbling, and it is not clear if New Orleans will fare any better. Even in California, progress today seems to take much longer than it should. Hats off to those documentarians, historians, and genealogists who remind us of what was accomplished in San Francisco a hundred years ago. We want things to be done right, of course, but we also want to see results in our lifetimes. Our intrepid ancestors taught us to expect no less.



Note from Sharon Deveaux:

The book she mentioned at our April meeting that is helpful in identifying the age of photographs based on clothing styles is *Dressed for the Photographer: Ordinary Americans and Fashion, 1840-1900* by Joan L. Severa, Nancy Rexford and Claudia Brush Kidwell (Available at Amazon.com)

We'll try to get her list of Do's and Don'ts for next month.

QUESTING HEIRS NEWS

GEORGE WALTER LIENESCH 1922-2006

George Walter Lienesch, 83, of Long Beach died April 2, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Alice Annette Lienesch; children, Alison Louise (Michael) Sanders and George William (Sharon) Lienesch; granddaughter, Heather Sanders; siblings, Donald, William and Louise Nichols of IL. Born July 16, 1922 near Roundup, MT to George Fischer and Cecil Gladys Lienesch, he was raised in O'Fallon, IL. He studied engineering at Tri State Engineering School in IN and served in the Army Air Corp with the 8th Air Force in England during WWII. George moved to CA in 1949 and settled in Long Beach. He worked as a draftsman and in real estate. He was a member of the VFW and the Masons. George was a selfless man beloved by his family and his wide circle of friends. A Memorial Service will be held April 29 at 11 a.m. at Living Rock Church in Norwalk, CA. Memorial donations may be sent to George Lienesch Memorial, VFW Post 8615, 2805 E. South Street, Long Beach, CA 90805.

The obituary above appeared in the Long Beach Press-Telegram. George had been a member of Questing Heirs since 15 Feb 1981.

QUERY

Want information on parents and siblings of Florence Elizabeth (GREIG) HARGRAVE-MURPHY, b. 1903/04 MI; d. c1990s CO (wife of Charles Milton Hargrave, Jr.); m2 James Murphy, Detroit, MI, dau. Marjorie. Father James Greig of David Greig and Carolina EAGLE, both b. Scotland; mother Mary NOBLE of John Noble, b. c1830 Scotland and Mary KENNEDY, b. Ireland.

How did they migrate to Detroit, MI? Contact MaryEmma (Holley) HARGRAVE (b. MD) at P.O. Box 3203, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

SOURCES

SOURCE FOR SEEKING CEMETERIES

A Quick Tip from Staff Writer Ed Dowds, 22 Mar '06

I was searching for the cemetery where my great-grandparents, grand-uncle, aunt, and their son are buried. I knew the name of the church but it had been closed, as far as administration, with services only on Sundays by a visiting priest. The church's old phone number forwarded to another parish and they didn't know where the cemetery was. The city is quite large so it was going to be a lengthy search. I found an area with several small church cemeteries so I went there to search

The tip I'd like to share is to go to the local monument manufacturer. I stopped in and they knew right where to send me. The church's cemetery was very small and was in an area with about a dozen or so others. I quickly found the graves I was looking for and one for a grand-aunt I didn't know of. If the monument company could not have helped, I would have tried funeral homes near the church for information.

GOOGLE TOMBSTONE PHRASES

A Quick Tip from Staff Writer Barry, 14 Nov 2005

Recently I made rubbings of two quite worn 19th Century headstones that each contained a passage of text. I was able to make a good guess at a three to four word phrase on each stone. I then Googled the suspected phrase (in quotes to look for an exact match). In both cases, the phrase led to a passage in the King James version of the Bible. For example, one phrase was "affliction of the afflicted" which led to "For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted neither hath he hid his face from him, but when he cried unto him he heard" (Psalms 22, v. 24). Once I knew the rest of the words it was easy to make a comparison back to the rubbing...

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N E W S

THE HELPER & LELAND MEITZLER

Dick Eastman announced in his newsletter of April 11, 2006, that Holly Hansen of My Ancestors Found had achieved her objective of finding a home for the 'Everton Collection' (in the Logan City complex) and getting *Everton's Genealogical Helper Magazine* back on its feet while serving as Editor-in-chief. The May/June 2006 issue will be her last.

Then on April 21, 2006, Dick announced that Leland Meitzler, formerly publisher of *Heritage Quest Magazine*, has been named the new Managing Editor of the *Helper*.

For details, see Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at <http://www.eogn.com>. (Copyright 2006 by Richard W. Eastman.)

**DNA FOR BSA
by Megan Smolenyak**

In one of the more unusual arrangements I've heard of, free Y-DNA testing is being offered for active Boy Scouts of America. To learn more, go to <http://www.scoutmedia.org> and click on the "free DNA/genealogy test" link toward the upper, left-hand corner. There you'll be taken to a page explaining the SMGF/BSA Participation Special. It's a multi-step process, but will save the usual \$100-\$230 for a mid-range test (that is, one with 20-some-odd markers).

The SMGF referenced above is the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. To receive a free test, it is necessary to first participate in the SMGF study. This kit can be ordered via the website and must be submitted with four or more generations of one's family tree. Once the kit is received back by the lab, a coupon will be emailed. With coupon in hand, you can then call Relative Genetics at 1-800-956-9362 to request a free test. If you'd rather not submit a sample

and pedigree to SMGF, there's an option to order a kit at a steeply discounted \$94—still a good price.

While this is a great bargain for individual Boy Scouts, it could be even more intriguing if entire troops joined the world of genetic genealogy. A little snooping around the internet reveals that 5,714 genealogy merit badges were awarded in 2004—and 177,121 have been awarded in total.

Excerpt from an article appearing on 28 March at <http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle>. (Copyright 1998-2006, MyFamily.com, Inc., and its subsidiaries.)

**2010 CENSUS TO USE PORTABLE
COMPUTERS AND WIRELESS DATA**

The Harris Corporation has won a five-year \$600 million contract to update and automate the way the U.S. Census Bureau collects data.

In the past, census employees—many of them temporary workers hired specifically for information-gathering—went door-to-door with paper address lists, maps, questionnaires and notepads. Such a system, Harris officials said, resulted in relatively high labor costs and potential errors.

With the new systems, every enumerator (census-taker) will carry a handheld computer to immediately send the information to central offices, updating statistics in near-real-time, and getting that data integrated from other sources.

See the full article at Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter of 5 Apr 2006.

KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS

Found on a grammar school test paper: "A census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population."

Eastman again, 16 Apr 2006

ON THE WEB

MISSOURI DEATH CERTIFICATES

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates>

Last month we told you about the death records available at the Missouri Archives for the years before 1909. Now death certificates are available for 1910-1955.

The Missouri Death Certificate Database, containing death records created after 1910 and over 50 years old, makes that information available online through a searchable index that links to a digitized image of the original death certificate. (Images currently cover 1910-1922).

The index can be searched by first name and last name, county, and by year and month. Once a name is selected, a digitized image of the original certificate can be retrieved.

This is an ongoing project and additional records will be added as they are transcribed and imaged. If the image a researcher wants is not yet available, a photocopy of the certificate may be obtained by contacting the Archives Reference Desk.

1841 UK CENSUS

<http://www.ancestry.com>

The 1841 UK Census has now been added to Ancestry.com, completing its England & Wales Census Collection. For the first time ever, you can find information on your British ancestors living between 1841 and 1901—all in one convenient place on the web.

The every-name index is linked to an actual census image, which contains the following data: Location (county, city/town, street name), Name of each person in the abode, Age, Gender, Profession/Employment, Whether born in the same County, Whether born in Scotland, Ireland or Foreign Parts.

GENETIC GENEALOGY

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3038411>

The URL above will take you to a new page on MSNBC that deals with Genetic Genealogy and “How Science is Filling Out Family Trees.”

Various topics on exploring your roots are provided and an interactive on “Mapping DNA.” The introduction to the lead story begins “Genetic researchers say their tests are closing in on answers to two nagging mysteries: Where was Christopher Columbus really born? And where the devil are his bones?”

A sampling of other stories relate to:

- Billy the Kid investigation resurrected
- Jamestown DNA sleuths strike out
- Revolutionary War mystery unsettled
- Corps of Discovery’s descendants
- DNA shoots hole in Capt. Cook legend

PROQUEST OBITUARIES

<http://www.proquest.com>

ProQuest Information and Learning announces ProQuest Obituaries (tentative title), offering access through public libraries to obituaries and death notices from the full runs of major national newspapers dating back to 1851 in image format. ProQuest Obituaries enables users to easily find ancestors and historical figures, and to trace their family histories through a database of more than 10 million names.

ProQuest Obituaries offers an easy to use interface that is simple enough for beginners, yet sophisticated enough for advanced researchers. The database will launch in the summer of 2006. The first release will focus on deep historical records, and will then grow to include over 150 current newspapers.

From a press release dated 21 Mar 2006, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

ISBGFH * OCTOBER 2-6 * SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History will be holding its sixth annual British Institute in Salt Lake City on the dates above. This is a weeklong program combining instruction and practical experience. Each day instructors experienced in British Isles genealogy and research methods conduct classes and seminars in the morning and assist students with their research in the Family History Library in the afternoon. In addition to guidance in the library, each student can take advantage of the opportunity to meet with the course instructor for a one-on-one strategy session. Accommodations and classrooms for the British Institute are located in the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel; research and most one-on-one sessions take place in the LDS Family History Library.

Two courses are offered this year:

1. Intermediate Welsh Research (1858 back to early 1600s) with Darris Williams
2. British Isles Research: Solving Problems, Creating Strategies with Sherry Irvine

You may register online at <http://www.isbgfh.org> or request a brochure by writing to The British Institute, P. O. Box 350459, Westminster, CO 80035-0459.

POINT * OCTOBER 6-8 * EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

POINT (Pursuing Our Ialian Names Together) will hold its National Conference on the above dates at the Hacienda Hotel located at 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., in El Segundo. Attendees can sign in and enjoy a get-acquainted social gathering on Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday and Sunday will be devoted to lectures on Italian genealogy, for beginners and more advanced researchers. In a closing session, the ten scheduled speakers will be available to answer your questions.

The registration fee of \$165 (until May 31) includes the registration/get-acquainted social, all workshops and lectures, a Saturday evening banquet, a Sunday luncheon, and a syllabus. For more information, you may visit POINT's website at <http://www.point-pointers.net> or request a Registration Form by writing to POINT 2006, P. O. Box 5164, Culver City, CA 90231-5164.

GENEALOGY CONFERENCE AND CRUISE * NOVEMBER 11-18

If you'd like to combine genealogy with a cruise through the Mexican Riviera, Wholly Genes Software is hosting its 2nd Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise on the Diamond Princess, leaving from Los Angeles on November 11. Learn about genealogical research methods, tools, and technologies from some of the most popular speakers and authorities in those fields—such as Robert Charles Anderson, Tony Burroughs, Dick Eastman, Marsha Hoffman Rising, Hank Jones, and Megan Smolenyak.

Visit <http://www.WhollyGenes.com/cruise.htm> to find information on speaker biographies, lecture descriptions, roommate-finding service, detailed pricing options, a review and photos of last year's cruise, and a discussion forum.

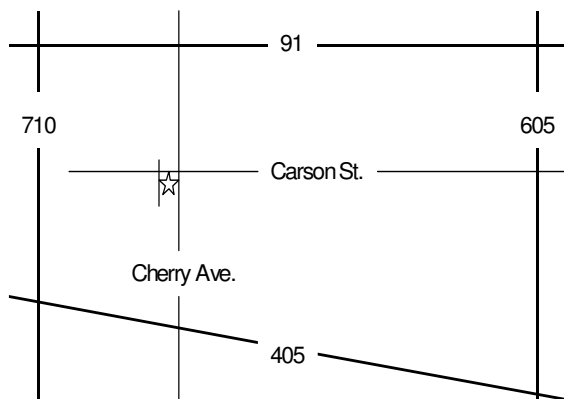
CALENDAR

Friday, May 5, 1-7 pm, and Saturday, May 6, 8:30 am-8:30 pm. Southern California Genealogical Society's 37th Annual Jamboree. Hilton Burbank Airport and Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank.

Saturday, May 6. Orange County, California, Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach. A variety of workshops are offered for which a fee of \$5.00 is charged, except for Basic Genealogy, for non-members. Main program topic: "Newspaper Research" presented by Beth Wilson.

Saturday, May 17, 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Genealogical Society of North Orange County. Yorba Linda Community Center (Imperial Room A), Imperial Highway and Casa Loma, Yorba Linda. Topic: "Pennsylvania Archives" presented by Carlos N. Olvera.

Sunday, May 21, 1:15-4:00 pm. 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 34.



Saturday, May 20, 1:00 pm. Whittier Area Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Masonic

Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier. Program: "Breaking Through Those Dead Ends" presented by Dr. Gary Allen Dickey.

Sunday, May 28, 1:00-3:00 pm. British Isles Family History Society-USA general meeting at the Los Angeles Regional FHC.* Topic: "Beginning Colonial American Research" by Nancy Carlberg.



BREAKFAST WITH THE GODFREY

Join Richard Black, Director of The Godfrey Library, at a special breakfast to be held in conjunction with the SCGS Jamboree.

The breakfast will be held from 7:30-9:00 am on Saturday morning May 6 in the Junior Ballroom of the Burbank Airport Hilton (\$10 for Godfrey members; \$15 for others). You can register online for the breakfast at:

www.scgsgenalogy.com

You don't have to be registered for the Jamboree to attend the breakfast.



*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.