

# QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *Newsletter*

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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

**SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008**

<b>12:30</b>	<b>Class Period</b>	<b>HELP TABLES:</b> Help Tables will resume in October.
<b>1:15</b>		<b>INTERMEDIATE: "Questing for our Heritage: Personal Milestones,"</b> moderated by John McCoy
<b>2:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Time for chatting, browsing, and refreshments</b>
<b>2:15</b>	<b>Business</b>	
<b>2:30</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>SPEAKER: DANIEL BARTOSZ,</b> <b>AMERICAN INDIAN RESEARCH</b> <b>AND THE INTERNET</b>

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**JULY MEETING**

**INTERMEDIATE CLASS**

**Questing for our Heritage:**

**Personal Milestones**

On the occasion of the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Questing Heirs, we will use the class period to share the stories and accomplishments of our members. **We need volunteers!** Have you finally traced down proof of that maiden name? Have you disproved a published pedigree? Have you uncovered the true story of one of your ancestors? Has your sleuthing led to the discovery of a family heirloom, a photograph, or a new cousin? After years of searching, or maybe right away with “beginner’s luck,” have you found an elusive ancestor? Let us hear about your genealogical adventures! If you’d like to make a presentation of about five minutes in length, please contact John McCoy—either by phone at 562-423-4962 or by e-mail at [RealMac@aol.com](mailto:RealMac@aol.com). John can turn your documents, pictures, or charts into PowerPoint slides for the presentation.

**SPEAKER:**

**DANIEL BARTOSZ**

Daniel Bartosz is a professional genealogist specializing in Native American research. He was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, and came to California as an aerospace engineer in 1985. He has been an instructor at both the Los Angeles and Orange Regional Family History Centers and has given presentations to family history conferences and genealogical societies since 1991, including “Discover Your Roots—II and IV.” He has also presented workshops on American Indian Genealogy for the “Indian Resource Center of Los Angeles” and the “Southwest Museum of the American Indian.” From 1985, he has done expansive research in understanding the kind of records that exist for all Indians of North America. He is currently reworking E. Kay Kirkham’s three manuscripts on records of genealogical value to Native Americans. He is a graduate of Utah State University and a U.S. Navy veteran.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Sally DAVIS (562) 429-7803**

**JUNE MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Members: 30

Guests: 1

**NEW MEMBER**

Rose PLESEK

Individual 9/08

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**David WERTS (562) 431-7790**

May Income \$ 74.76

May Expenses \$ 313.24

Operations Balance \$2,010.73

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Georgie (Peterson) LYONS (562) 432-4908**

Thanks to our June hosts:

Laurie ANGEL

Robert COLLINS

Linda IVERS

Connie WILLIAMS

Our July hosts will be:

Terry HAMILTON

Jeanette JONES

George JOHNSON

Polly JOHNSON

Cheryl TARDIF

**NOTE: Submissions for the August 2008 Newsletter are due by July 27, 2008.**

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## PROBLEM SOLVING FOR GENEALOGY

By Michael John Neill

The late Stanford mathematician George Polya devised a problem-solving process that has been used in math classes for years. Even though family history problems are not always math problems, Polya's procedure can provide a framework within which to work.

In essence, Polya had four steps to his process:

### 1.) Understand the Problem

This is an important aspect of solving any research quandary. There are several aspects of "understanding the problem" of which the genealogist needs to be aware. Searching for "everything I can find" about great-grandfather is not a "good problem." While it may be clear, it is certainly too broad. Better problems would be more specific ones such as:

*"Locate the ca. 1830 marriage record of James Rampley and Elizabeth Chaney that took place somewhere in Ohio."*

First, I need to determine if marriage records were kept in Ohio in 1830 (they were), and if they are still extant in the counties where the couple might have gotten married. I should seek out church records of the marriage in addition to civil records.

If I know the names of the couples' parents, I could try to find where their parents were living in 1820 and 1830 to get a potential location for the marriage.

Another option is to look at places of birth for the couple's children, if that information is known. While couples do not necessarily have their children in the same place in which they were married, those places of birth are good starting points. Other materials such as county histories, obituaries, and pension records might provide clues as to where the couple was married.

### 2.) Devise a Plan

Once I understand the problem I need to devise a plan. This typically means determining what records will be searched and how those records will be accessed.

My actual goal is the marriage record itself, so any reference in a finding aid or an index will not be a final step. In this case, I can contact the county office in the county where the Rampley's were married to see if they have the record.

I can also check to see whether the Family History Library has microfilmed the records. If they have, I can order them at my local Family History Center.

If I am not sure of the county where the couple married, I could see whether there are any statewide marriage indexes—either in print or online. If these indexes are used, I need to know the extent of the coverage, and if they are not, what counties have been omitted. If I am unaware of how to access marriage records at the local office level, I can refer to the appropriate chapter of *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*, the state research outline on the FamilySearch site, or the appropriate USGenWeb site.

### 3.) Execute the Plan

I decided to contact the county and see if they had the record and made certain to request a copy of the complete record. I wrote the letter and made a note in my research log. (Tracking your research is extremely important.) A few weeks later, I received a copy of the record.

### 4.) Evaluate the Results

It might seem like the problem was solved. Of course, now that I confirmed the date and county of marriage, I needed to know more about the couple before their marriage. There are many questions that could be asked, but here it is important to remember that you should not rush on without evaluating what has been found.

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## QUESTING HEIRS NEWS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all!

Some of you already have your new Membership Directory. May I suggest that you find another member in your area and carpool to our meetings? It's fun to be around other genealogy crazies! We understand each other.

Speaking of the Directory, quite a few of you have not turned in the surnames you're researching. Sally Davis is going to make room for geographic areas, too; so, let her know what you would like to have listed by your name. The online version will be updated quarterly.

Also, remember to sign up for Ralph's, eScrip and Abe Books. Credit for your purchases helps keep our Society running. If you need help in registering, please give me a call at 562/598-3027.

Loran is working hard on getting good programs together for the summer. And don't forget that we have air conditioning now!!!

See everyone in July!

*Liz*

### BIFHS SEMINAR UPDATE

As reported last month, the British Isles Family History Society had to cancel its planned annual seminar on the Queen Mary. However, Michael Gandy, a speaker from England, had agreed to come and make some presentations on August 9.

As it turns out, there will be two opportunities to hear him. On Thursday, August 7 he will be speaking in San Diego on "Puritans, Quakers, and Huguenots."

On Saturday, August 9, he will be speaking at the Santa Monica Public Library about:

- Ancestors in the King's Service (researching English, Irish, Scots, and Welsh ancestors who were in government service in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries)

- Names Lists of the 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries
- Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor (including realistic possibilities of tracing medieval ancestry)
- Question and Answer Session

Also, on Friday afternoon, August 8, several of the Society's resident experts will be at the Los Angeles Regional Family History Center to help with your research challenges.

Details may be found on the Society's website (<http://www.bifhsusa.org>), as well as a flyer with registration information. Some flyers will also be available at our July meeting.

*Keep your heart singing,  
others hear the song,  
and its cheery music  
helps the world along.*

*From an old autograph book*

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The record told me that neither James nor Elizabeth were natives of Ohio. Questions I could ask now include: -- What brought them to Ohio? -- Did they come with their families?

Back to Square One

Answering these questions takes us back to step one—understanding the problem. In the case of these two new questions, it will require more understanding of the history and migration patterns in the area, details that were not as necessary with the marriage problem.

Problem solving is inherent to any genealogical dilemma. Problems should be clearly stated and well defined. Vague problems usually get vague answers. Our ancestors and their records are sometimes vague enough; our approach to finding them should not be.

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**OF INTEREST**

**CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS GET  
FREE HEADSTONES**

By Don Martindale

With the help of the Internet I was able to track down my great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents, along with numerous other cousins, uncles, and aunts. I went to visit the graves of my great-grandparents, John Wesley Martindale and Francis (Fraiser) Martindale. They were marked with two blocks of Oklahoma sandstone and we didn't know who was under which rock.

I contacted the Veterans Administration and since John was a Confederate soldier, they furnished a marker for his grave at no cost. I contacted a genealogy society in Oklahoma and they furnished me an address of a headstone company that would furnish a nice headstone for a very reasonable price, if you were willing to wait awhile.

I live in Michigan, so I had to get a cousin in Oklahoma to accept the two headstones when they came in. I then went to Oklahoma, met new cousins, and helped them lay the markers.

Let your readers know that you can get a grave marker for a Confederate soldier at no cost. I used his pension papers as proof of the fact that he was in the service.

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**FREE HEADSTONES FOR  
UNION SOLDIERS**

By Gale Wall

In the last issue of the Review, Don Martindale wrote about the Veteran's Administration furnishing a free headstone for his great-grandfather, since he was a Confederate soldier. Free headstones are also available for Union soldiers. [See] the Veteran's Administration website for more information.

As a member of the Reno County, Kansas, Genealogical Society I was able to help mark the

grave of a Union soldier while researching the Civil War veterans buried in our county...

*As above, RootsWeb Review: 9 Apr 2008, Vol. 11, No. 14.*

**CIVIL WAR PHOTOGRAPHS**

One source of Civil War photographs is the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle, PA. You can search its collection at <http://www.ahco.army.mil/site/index.jsp>. You might get lucky and find a serviceman or unit that you're interested in.

**UNCLAIMED PERSONS**

<http://www.rootstelevision.com>

The following are extracts from a press release bylined Provo, UT, May 28, 2008.

"What happens to people when they die with no next of kin to claim their bodies? Roots Television.com, an online channel dedicated to all aspects of genealogy and family history, has launched a new show, *Unclaimed Persons*, to bring attention to this largely unknown epidemic. Coroners' offices across the country are struggling to cope with thousands of unclaimed people whose identities are known, but for whom no family can be found..."

"Accidentally stumbling across an article about one such case is what prompted [Megan] Smolenyak Smolenyak to cold call a couple of coroners' offices and offer her sleuthing skills for tracking down family members..."

On June 11, 2008, Roots Television announced that an Unclaimed Persons group has been set up "on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=24101365049>) to see our latest cases and learn how your research can help reunite families (those who are new to Facebook will need to register). Visit the discussion board to see our latest cases and to learn more about the process and guidelines for being a part of the project..."

It is hoped that the team of coroners and genealogists can help find families for the unclaimed.

## METHODS

### ARE QUAKERS IN YOUR ANCESTRAL MIX?

By Mary Penner

What do James Dean, Daniel Boone, Richard Nixon, Dave Matthews, Betsy Ross, Joan Baez, and James Michener have in common? They either had family members who were Quakers, were raised in a Quaker home, or counted themselves among the Quaker faithful.

Having Quakers in your family tree, even if they weren't famous, can be like a genealogical parting of the Red Sea opening up a promised land flowing with ancestors.

The Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers, traces its origins to George Fox. In mid-seventeenth century England, Fox was disillusioned with the current religious practices and sought a more enlightened form of worship. When he was nineteen, Fox believed he received a revelation from God. This revelation, based on the concept of "Inner Light," fueled a movement that snowballed into a full-blown religion across England.

Eventually, Quakers made their way across the Atlantic, but the welcome mat wasn't always out. Two Quaker women, suspected of being witches, were promptly deported from Boston in 1656. Undeterred, more and more Quakers immigrated to North America and before long the religion had a strong presence in the Colonies.

Family history researchers relish having Quaker roots because the Quakers were diligent note-takers. These notes, or minutes, recorded at their monthly meeting for business, hold bundles of clues about our Quaker ancestors. For example, the minutes noted marriages. The industrious clerk recorded the marriage vows that my ancestor Manoah Chiles repeated when he married his second wife in the Virginia Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting in 1742. He also threw in some valuable genealogical scoops: "Manoah Chiles, son of Henry, deceased of the county of

Hanover, and Anne Cheadle, daughter of John Cheadle of the county of Caroline." The minutes often recorded births and deaths of members, as well.

Additionally, Quaker minutes frequently noted the comings and going of its members. You might find a record stating that a member transferred to a different meeting. You will also learn about members who were disowned. Many were dismissed from the group for engaging in military service. My ancestor, Peter Hubbard, involved in a contentious land dispute with his brother, was disowned "whilst he remains in that un-Christian spirit."

How likely is it that some of your ancestors were Quakers? If your ancestors lived in the eastern third of the country before the middle of the nineteenth century, the chances are good that you've got a Quaker in your background. Quakers were widespread throughout the colonies in the eighteenth century with strong populations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and North Carolina. In the next century, large populations of Quakers lived in Tennessee, Indiana, and Ohio.

Start your search for Quaker ancestors with the works of William Hinshaw. His six-volume encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy abstracts more than 500,000 details of Quaker happenings. Digital images of all six volumes are on Ancestry. Search the Ancestry Card Catalog for "Quaker" and you'll find Hinshaw's works as well as a number of other resources related to Quakers.

The book, *Our Quaker Ancestors*, by Ellen and David Berry provides a solid overview of the types of records available and where you might find them. This book is available in the Ancestry Store.

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## ON THE WEB

### FHL DIGITIZED RECORDS

You are probably aware that the LDS Family History Library is in the process of digitizing its microfilmed holdings. Some databases are now available online. You may access them at <http://pilot.familysearch.org>, or there is a “Sneak Peek” link in the upper right section of the FamilySearch home page. Take a look and see whether any of them are helpful for your research interests.

### GENEALOGICAL HELPER

“LOGAN, UT, June 12, 2008.

Genealogy Online, Inc., publisher of Everton’s Genealogical Helper, today announced the publication of the Genealogical Helper in an Online Edition. The Online Edition is an identical copy of the 176-page paper edition—complete with hotlinks to the hundreds of website addresses found therein.

“Launch Date – The new Online Edition will launch July 1 – simultaneous with the home delivery and newsstand date of the paper edition of the July-August issue.

“Free Access – Subscribers to the traditional Genealogical Helper will have 100% FREE online access to the magazine – with no extra fees whatsoever. See <http://www.everton.com> for sign-up information

“Online Edition subscriptions – Everton’s Genealogical Helper, Online Edition, will sell for just \$12.00 per year...

“Why an online edition? – Every issue of Everton’s Genealogical Helper now contains hundreds of website addresses... [Readers can] access any of the websites with just a keystroke or two...”

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### AUSTRALIAN DATABASE

Details of millions of Britons who traveled to Australia in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century in search of economic success were released online Wednesday [28 May]. Ancestry.co.uk has compiled the details of 8.9 million so-called “free settlers,” or economic migrants to Australia, which the website says gives the average Briton a 25 percent chance of having a free settler ancestor.

“Australia’s free settler heritage is often overlooked in favour of its more colourful convict past,” the website’s managing director Simon Harper said.

“However, it should be remembered that free settlers were brave and ambitious, making the choice to leave their homes and travel by ship for many months to the other side of the world for the chance of a new life.”

Australia’s population rose more than 100 times between 1826 and 1922, largely due to immigration, as well as a rapidly-growing economy...

*This article was posted on Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter of 3 Jun 2008.*



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A number of early Quaker records are housed at college libraries. Check out the Friends Collection at Earlham College. You’ll find a large digital library of Quaker-related materials. Another substantial collection is at Swarthmore College’s Friends Historical Library.

Hundreds of websites are devoted to Quaker research. And, of course, Quakers are still quite active today. If you encounter an ancestor who joined the Society of Friends, you may be in for some interesting discoveries.

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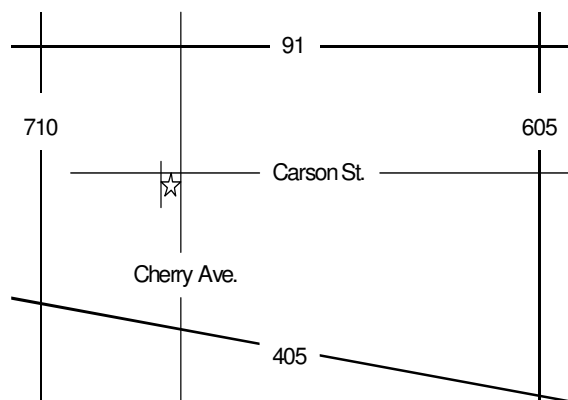
**CALENDAR**

Saturday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Southern California Genealogical Society will be holding an Open House, providing guided tours of their library at 417 Irving Drive, Burbank. The event is open to the public.

Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m. Genealogical Society of North Orange County, California monthly meeting. Yorba Linda Community Center (Imperial Room A), Imperial Highway & Casa Loma, Yorba Linda. Program: "Court Records" by Norma Keating.

Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance. Program: Library Series, Part 1. "Family History Center Resources" by Lorna Rice.

Sunday, July 20, 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 50.



Sunday, July 27, 1:00-5:00 p.m. British Isles Family History Society-USA monthly meeting at the Los Angeles Regional FHC.\* Program: This will be an Open Research Day at the LARFHC.

Saturday, August 2, 11:00 a.m. Orange County, California, Genealogical Society monthly meeting at Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach. Main speaker (Rooms C&D): "Elizabeth, The Story of a German Immigrant" by Jean Wilcox Hibben.



**SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY CALIF.  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**A Family History Seminar**

Saturday, October 18, 2008

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 8:00 a.m.)

Saddleback Room, City Hall

100 Civic Center Drive, Mission Viejo, CA

**"Getting to Know Your Ancestors"**

**Featuring George G. Morgan**

Mr. Morgan will be speaking on four topics. Refreshments will be available, as well as door prizes, sales tables and displays and a drawing for a handmade quilt.

Pre-register by Oct. 15 for \$20.00 plus \$7.50 for a box lunch. A form is available on their website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocccg>, or you can call (949) 492-9408 for information.

\*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.