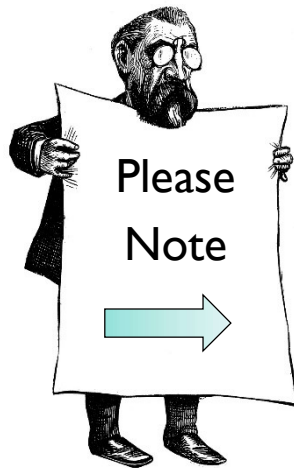


QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA



**The July 2020 QHGS meeting
has been cancelled.**

For more information on future meetings using Zoom online, please read the President's message on page 42.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest Street, in Long Beach California. See the map on the last page.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Dues are \$30 per year for an individual or \$45 per year for a family.

Look for us on the Web:

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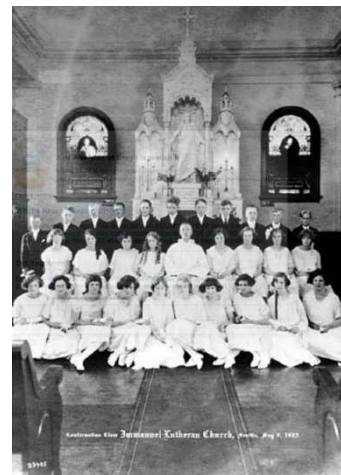
'There are two possible outcomes: if the result confirms the hypothesis, then you've made a measurement. If the result is contrary to the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery.'

- Enrico Fermi

• Church Records and Genealogy •

Are you still missing documents or important information about your ancestors? Have you looked for church records? Church records are some of the earliest known records. These records were kept long before many vital records were mandated by the government. That said, some churches were better at keeping records than others.

Some religious records were lost when churches closed or were damaged by fire or floods. If you are lucky, the records were moved to a larger congregation nearby and they have the records on site. If you are even luckier, the records have been scanned and are available online. I've found various religious records for about a third of my ancestors. Church research for me has been particularly rewarding in Mexico and England.



Where Did Your Ancestors Immigrate from?

Where your ancestor immigrated from can give you a starting point for where to look for church records? Immigrants to the United States often worshiped in the faith that was dominant in their home country. In the early years of immigration, we find that that:

- ✓ The English were often Anglican. This later became the Episcopal church.
- ✓ Scots-Irish were Presbyterian.
- ✓ Scandinavians were Lutheran.
- ✓ Irish, Italians, Spanish, French and many Eastern Europeans often were Catholic.
- ✓ Germans could have been Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed, or Jewish.

The Community

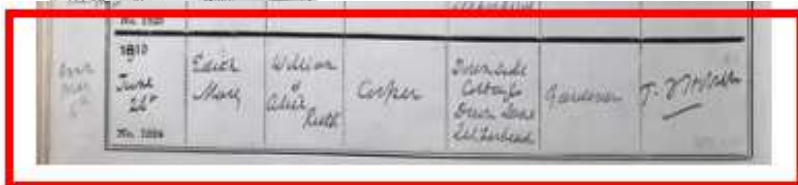
The community where people settled sometimes dictated what their faith became. Look for churches that were in the area where they lived. Many immigrants chose to worship in a church in their native language. Your ancestor may have started in one religion and changed to another. Maybe their new spouse church was of a different faith. If there wasn't a church of their faith nearby, they might have attended the closest church that aligned with their beliefs. You can look at city directories and historical maps to see what churches were open during their lifetime.

Types of Records

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BAPTISMS administered in the Parish of ... in the year One Thousand ...									
No.	Name	Age	Parents	Minister	Date	By whom	Where	Remarks	Signature
1817	Edith Mary	...	William Cooper & Alice Ruth Cooper	Leatherhead

What kind of records can you expect to find? Obvious records like birth, baptism, marriage and death might be found. What was recorded might vary based on their local church. Some events will be recorded in preprinted books with columns. While others may be written in blank books where the format varied based on who completed the entries.

This record shows the baptism of Edith Mary Cooper in 1910. It shows both the baptism date and 'reported' birth date. Her parents are listed as William Cooper and Alice Ruth Cooper from the Leatherhead Parish, Surrey, England.



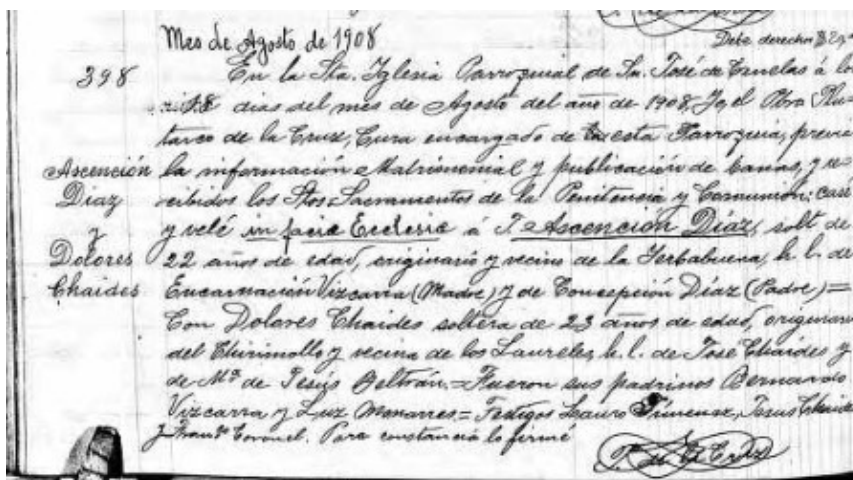
Citation: Surrey History Centre; Woking, Surrey, England; Surrey Church of England Parish Registers; Reference: LE/4/4, accessed 6/25/2020. Ancestry.com. Surrey, England, Church of England Baptisms, 1813-1917 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013.

Life Events

Churches registered many of their sacraments. These might be records for baptisms with details about the date, godparents, witnesses, parents and birthplaces. Later events in the child's life might also be recorded. Confirmation was often received as a young teen. Marriage banns were read before a marriage. You might find these along with the marriage at the same church. Also look for last rights, death, and burial.

For one of my family trees, I was able to locate the 1908 marriage of J.

Ascencion Diaz and Dolores Chaidez in San Jose, Canelas, Durango, Mexico. The record lists their ages, parents, witnesses and where they lived. Within this one record, I have information about two generations and clues as to where to search for additional records.



Citation: Parroquias Católicas, Durango (Catholic Church parishes, Durango). Courtesy of the Academia Mexicana de Genealogía y Heraldica and Archivo General de la Nación.; Durango, Mexico; México, Durango, registros parroquiales y diocesanos, 1604-1985. Ancestry.com. Durango, Mexico, Catholic Church Records, 1604-1985 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015 accessed 6/20/2020. Original data: México, Durango, registros parroquiales y diocesanos, 1604-1985.

Record Translations

Records outside the United States may be recorded in a language other than English.

- ✓ A great resource for translating Spanish records is 'An Instructional Guide Spanish Records Extraction' at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Spanish_Records_Extraction_Manual.
- ✓ Use Google Translate for help with conversions from other languages to English at <https://translate.google.com/>.

The Search Begins

Where are the church records? If the church is still active, they might know what records are available or have a volunteer who will look up a record for a small donation. Church archives and records may have been sent to regional church offices if the church no longer exists. Local colleges, public libraries and local genealogy societies sometimes keep donated church records. Also try searching Wikimedia Commons and Google Books. There are a lot of historical books online about churches of different regions. Where else can you find church records online? Try these sources:

- ✓ Ancestry
- ✓ FamilySearch
- ✓ USGEN Web Archives
- ✓ WorldVitalRecords.com

Membership Records

You may document or letter about your family's membership status in a church. When moving, your ancestor may have brought a letter from their current church requesting that they be admitted to a new church. Similarly, there may be a record of 'dismissed to' or 'disposed of' with an indication of where they were moving to or a date.

**WILLIAM S. RHODES
FOUND DEAD ON FARM**
Lifeless Body Found on Clyde Hinsh Farm Sunday Evening.

William S. Rhodes was found dead on the Clyde Hinsh farm, where he was employed, on Sunday evening. The Hinsh family had been away during the day and when they returned home they found the lifeless body of Rhodes.

Coroner N. A. Timmins of Bedford was summoned. After making an investigation, Dr. Timmins decided that his death had resulted from natural causes and that an inquest was not necessary.

William S. Rhodes was born on January 31, 1866, at Rogers, Blair County and was a son of William S. and Eliza (Gettleman) Rhodes. He is survived by one brother, Robert T. Rhodes of Poltwood.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Asbury Church with Rev. Coy Foor officiating. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church. M. J. Maust, mortician.

Publications

Some faiths had denominational newspapers. For example if you search ‘The Catholic News Archive’ at <https://thecatholicnewsarchive.org/> you will find 23,431 past issues. The archives are searchable and cover many cities and years. Other denominations have similar publication archives.

Biographical details in county histories or funeral programs can be a starting place to find church affiliation. Is their faith noted in a newspaper obituary or are their buried in a church cemetery? Check obituaries and columns in the newspapers. Where they married might also give you a hint. You may see the name of a priest, pastor, rabbi or officiant.

In this newspaper, the obituary mentions that the funeral services were held at the Ashbury Church and interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Asbury Church with Rev. Coy Foor officiating. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church. M. J. Maust, mortician.

Citation: ‘William S. Rhodes Found Dead on Farm’, Everett Press (Everett, Pennsylvania) 2 Jul 1937, digital images, Newspapers.com accessed June 27, 2020 Newspapers.com

Cemeteries

Do you know where your ancestor is buried? There any religious symbols on their tombstone or is the cemetery part of a church. Cemetery records can shed light on the deceased’s faith. Can you find a church register that includes the burial information? Contributors on Find A Grave and Billion Graves often include links to other relatives and details about birth and death dates.

Carl August Chalberg’s funeral record can be found in the ‘Record of Funerals’ for the Tripolis Lutheran Church in Kandiyohi, Minnesota

12 7 1912 Carl August Chalberg 500 Tripolis 74-19 17 24

RECORDS OF FUNERALS				293
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Citation: Archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Elk Grove Village, IL, USA; Swedish American Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, and Burials; Parish: Tripolis Evangelical Lutheran Church; ELCA Film Number: M78-79; SSIRC Film Number: E-78. Ancestry.com. U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Swedish American Church Records, 1800-1947 [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017 accessed 6/20/2020.

Photographs

You may find a photograph of your ancestors commemorating the celebration of a religious event. It may be in your own personal collection, a relative, online in a family tree or in an archive. The photo on page 39 was found on Wikimedia Commons. It depicts the August 6, 1923 Confirmation class of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seattle Washington.

Good luck on your search for church records!

• Ancestry® Society News •

The June 2020 edition of Ancestry® Society News was emailed to QHGS members June 22nd from our QHGS email account. I will be sending this out monthly, using the newsletter email list. If you do not receive your QHGS newsletter by email and have an email account, please contact Janice Miller and you will be added to the email list to receive Ancestry® Society News. My email address is in the member directory.

• QHGS President's Message •

Large groups of people are still not permitted to gather, so for this reason we will not have a meeting in July. Since we have experienced an upswing of virus cases, it is possible that our August meeting may be too soon to meet in person.

Our Board met earlier this month to discuss our future meetings. It was decided to try a Zoom meeting. Hopefully many of you have either heard of it or have used it. If not, it is a way to see each other thru a private meeting online using either your computer, iPad or cell phone. It is easy to join and is free.

We discussed having an informal get-together in July on Zoom at the same time as our monthly meeting. It will be a way to test the site out and have a chance for a quick meeting. If this is well received, we will plan for a speaker via Zoom for August.

For your part, we need your feedback on whether you are interested in joining a Zoom meeting in the future. Please e-mail us at questingheirs@gmail.com and let us know.

Instructions to sign in for July will be sent separately.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please let me know. E-mail me at questingheirs@gmail.com.

Christina "Tina" McKillip

• Learning Opportunities •

FamilySearch Webinars

- ✓ July 8: 'Germans from Russia: Locating Church Records'
- ✓ July 28: 'Where There's a Will, There's a Probate: US Probate Records'

For More information see https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/6/66/July_2020.pdf

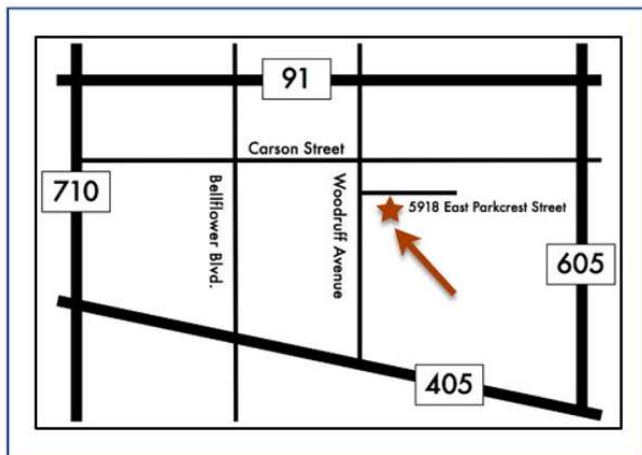
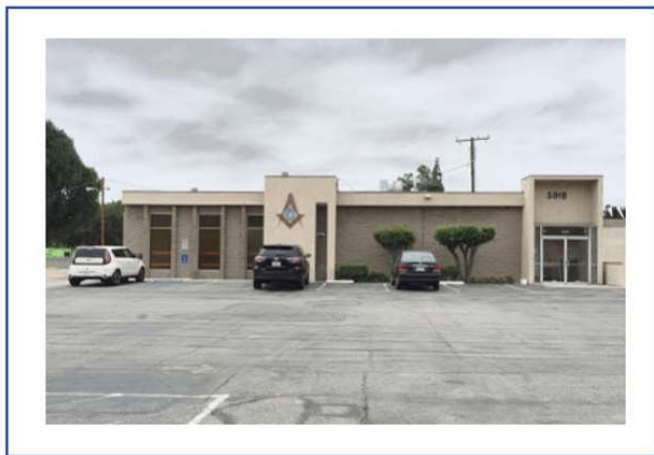
Legacy Family Tree Webinars

- ✓ July 14: 'Connecting the Dots – Introduction to Auto Clusters at MyHeritage DNA' by Paul Woodbury
- ✓ July 22: '50 More Websites Every Genealogist Should Know' by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- ✓ July 29: 'Researching a Loyalist Soldier' by Craig R. Scott
- ✓ August 5: 'Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries' by Michelle Leonard

For more information on all of their upcoming webinars see <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

• Articles to Read Online •

- ✓ 'Can Your Family Tree Pass the 5 Step "Proof" Test?' at <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to-genealogical-proof-standard/>
- ✓ '5 Simple Habits to Keep Your Photos Organized' <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/5-simple-habits-photos-organized/?cid=pi-fsb-8005>
- ✓ '10 Places You Didn't Think to Look' at https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/07/07/10-places-you-didnt-think-to-look/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=10-places-you-didnt-think-to-look



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