

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 15102, Long Beach CA 90815-0102



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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2004

1:15	<i>Classes</i>	Basic (by request)	GETTING STARTED
		Intermediate	HOW QUESTING HEIRS WORKS

2:15	<i>Break</i>	Time for chatting, browsing, and refreshments	
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2:30	<i>General Meeting</i>	SPEAKER
		BETH MCCARTY
		<i>Reference Tools and Indexes for Research in England and Wales</i>



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~ MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~

Jeanette (Marcus) JONES (562) 421-5610

JANUARY MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members: 25 Guests: 1



No renewals or new members

~ FINANCIAL REPORT ~

David WERTS (562) 431-7790

December EXPENSES	\$ 417.60
December INCOME	282.04



2003 EXPENSES	\$ 3,624.89
2003 INCOME	3,689.72



End of Year Balance	\$ 3,357.13
Operating Funds	2,412.63
Special Projects	944.50

~ SOCIETY NEWS ~

We note with sadness the passing of our fellow member Betty Marr on January 19. See the following page for a personal remembrance of her by John McCoy.

Betty was one of the first people I met when I started attending Questing Heirs meetings. She was membership chair at the time, and she made me feel very welcome. When I became newsletter editor, she gave me lots of encouragement and good advice, as she had been the editor before Priscilla. But what I especially remember about Betty are her kindness and her cheerfulness.

Betty's obituary may be found online at: <http://www.legacy.com/>. There you will also find a link to an online guest book, where you can leave a message as a tribute to Betty.

Anyone wishing to have a book named in memory of Betty in our Questing Heirs Honor/Memorial Book Collection should contact Aaron L. Day at (562) 634-6708 or by email at adaydec@aol.com.

~ FEBRUARY MEETING ~

SPEAKER: BETH McCARTY

Beth McCarty, a native Californian, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from California State University at Long Beach and a California teaching credential. Beth has been doing genealogical research for over thirty-five years, and has taught genealogy for over twenty-five years. For more than twenty years she has been researching English records. Beth is president of the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She is the editor of a family history entitled "Daniel Cobia, 1714, Descendants in America."

Beth has served as director of a Family History Center for eighteen years and is currently director of the Orange Regional Family History Center. She and her husband Bill live in Orange. They are the parents of a son and daughter, and have three lovely granddaughters.

Beth's ancestry comes from England, Ireland, Denmark and Norway.



**INTERMEDIATE CLASS
How Questing Heirs Works**

We thought it would be useful to discuss what goes on behind the scenes to keep Questing Heirs operating, including challenges for our future. In addition, we will discuss our plans for the Jamboree and other opportunities that have presented themselves. Please be sure you attend!



BASIC CLASS: Getting Started

A basic class will be given by request; that is, we will ask at class time if anyone would like to learn about how to get started in genealogy.



**A hunch is creativity
trying to tell you something.**

Frank Capra

~ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

A REMEMBRANCE

We learned recently of the death of Betty Marie Marr on January 19, 2004. She joined *Questing Heirs* in 1983. We remember with gratitude her many years of service in two of the most demanding positions in our organization, Newsletter Editor and Second Vice-President (Membership).

Betty always displayed a happy combination of innate curiosity, patience, adaptability, and persistence. She had the enduring patience, insight, and understanding to raise cats and African violets. These same qualities helped her to master some very strange problems that she encountered while publishing our newsletter. Someone had reported a misspelling on the front page. She saw the error on the printed copy, but when she looked at the electronic copy, the spelling was correct. How could this be? She explored every possibility. Eventually, she was able to prove that the letter "R" in one of the fonts on her computer was defective. It displayed correctly on the computer screen, but disappeared completely on the way to the printer. While anyone else would probably have been extremely upset by the inconvenience this caused, Betty's reaction was one of bemused wonderment. She persevered, and found a way to work around the problem.

Some years later, we found ourselves without a Second Vice-President. This position involves keeping track of membership and annual dues, as well as generating the mailing labels for the monthly newsletter. Always generous with her time, Betty stepped forward cheerfully. During her tenure, she undertook the task of tracking

down members who were behind in their dues, and made the membership process more orderly. Progress on these efforts was difficult. It had to be measured in months. But her perseverance paid off.

It should come as no surprise that the same qualities that suited her to the complexities of the newsletter and the membership rolls also made her a natural for genealogy. The art of family history requires, of course, that we be continually curious about people and their history. We know from experience that curiosity alone is not enough. We have to persist with our questioning, but we also have to be extremely patient, willing to bide our time until we find a way to get to the answers. We have to be willing to learn or even to invent new skills, or to master new topics that may seem, at first, completely foreign to our experience. Betty was always ready to learn something new, a little at a time, and she always found the time to get it done.

She even managed to keep her genealogy organized. Shortly after her death, her attorney contacted the Long Beach Family History Center to arrange for disposition of those parts of her research notes that her relatives did not want to keep. And, we learned, she made a bequest to *Questing Heirs*. It is a pleasure to recognize Betty Marr's contributions to *Questing Heirs*. We are grateful for the time that she spent with us, and will always remember her fondly.

- John McCoy



Betty Marie Marr 1934-2004



In one of the stars I shall be living. In one of them I shall be laughing. And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing when you look at the sky at night. *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince*

~ O F I N T E R E S T ~

**FINDING OUR FAMILIES, FINDING OURSELVES
at the Museum of Tolerance**

Here is a description of this multimedia exhibit, excerpted from <www.findingourfamilies.com>:

"Finding Our Families, Finding Ourselves, showcases the diversity within the personal histories of several noted Americans: poet, best-selling author, historian and educator Dr. Maya Angelou; award-winning actor, comedian and director Billy Crystal; multiple Grammy winner and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Carlos Santana; and National League MVP and Manager of the four-time World Series Champions, the New York Yankees, Joe Torre. Their individual, distinctive, and illuminating journeys examine the stories, lives and dreams of those family members that inspired them. ... The exhibition ultimately celebrates the shared experiences common to being part of an American family and encourages visitors to seek out their own histories, mentors and heroes."

The tour is self-guided, and lasts about an hour. The exhibit is designed to immerse you in the story, so you get a real feel for how the people lived. Each room is a reconstruction of an actual place: the Ellis Island processing center, Billy Crystal's immigrant grandfather's apartment in New York, Maya Angelou's grandmother's store, and so on. The stories are told on video screens along the way.

As genealogists, we already know the importance of finding our families and remembering and honoring those who have gone before us. We have already learned

much about what life was like in other times and places. So even though I was interested in seeing this exhibit, I didn't expect to learn much. But I gained much by seeing it. As it turned out, all the stories, besides being fascinating, were very informative. What was even better was that each one turned out to be quite touching, as well. There are many other stories told besides the four mentioned above, and each one contained something that still stands out in my memory.

While there, we decided to tour the Museum of Tolerance, too. It is well worth it, though definitely not for the faint of heart.

The first half of this two-hour exhibit takes a look at tolerance and intolerance in the United States and throughout the world, now and through history. It explores some of the humanity's darkest moments.

The second half is a harrowing look at the Holocaust, probably humanity's absolutely darkest moment. Like the Finding Our Families exhibit, this one also immerses you into the time and place. At times this approach becomes almost too vivid, portraying the tragic and horrifying effects of intolerance.

At the entrance, you are given a plastic card with a child's name and picture. At different points during the exhibit, you put the card into a reader and learn more about that child. At the end of the exhibit, you put the card into a reader and get a printout detailing

the child's life and fate.

The fate of the boy on my card had never been documented; this was the case with the cards of many of the people I had taken the tour with. However, the museum guide who was stationed at that part of the exhibit showed us her own card and printout. She had been hidden by a Polish family and managed to escape the horrible fate that millions of people suffered, though one time she came terrifyingly near to being discovered by the German soldiers. Her own family was not as fortunate as she was -- her parents and most of her many brothers and sisters were killed.

One of the goals of the exhibit is to explain how something like this could have happened in a country as enlightened as Germany. This was achieved quite well. Even though we consider ourselves to be enlightened, some of the parallels that were drawn between those times and our own are chilling. Those parallels serve to remind us that we need to be vigilant and must never let anything like that take place again.



The Museum of Tolerance is located at 9786 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles. Separate admission is required for each exhibit. For more information, visit <www.museumoftolerance.com>, or phone (310) 553-8403. It is advised to call ahead to check their hours and to reserve tickets in advance.

~ O F I N T E R E S T , c o n t i n u e d ~

ANCESTRY QUICK TIPS

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**PROFILE SHEETS
FOR THE FAMILY HISTORIAN
ON THE GO**

Since I have over 40 "family" binders crammed with my findings and possible new leads, I decided that carrying the binders with me during research became untenable.

I created what I call a profile sheet for each individual. It includes every detail, including sources, of what I have found for that individual even if I have numerous sources such as different census years. Since we all know that the data is questionable and dates are suspect this provides me with a snapshot of all the variables that I might need in locating the right person.

So far my data includes: father, mother; dates of birth and location, baptism and location including sponsors; marriage "to" with date and location; children with all pertinent details; siblings; emigration and immigration; death and burial. This is only a partial list of all the items that I have included.

The profile is generally only one page in size for each individual and is then entered into a single binder with tabs for each family, which I bring with me when traveling.

I also added below the pertinent data the additional research to be undertaken based on what records

still need to be explored. This keeps me on target, and eliminates doing duplicate research on what I already have.

Submitted by Bill Gordon.



STORING MAPS

I see you've had several tips for storing maps. One person complained about the maps curling up because of storing in tubes. Ships' navigators have wrestled with this problem in using their (very) large charts for centuries and here's their solution: Roll the maps with the images on the outside. That way, the map will tend to curl toward (instead of away from) the surface it's on and can be held flat with the parallel rulers or protractors, or, if you don't need to plot a dead reckoning or nautical position fix, with any handy weight.

Submitted by "Ralph."



FAMILY TREE QUILT

I printed out old ancestor's pictures I had scanned into my computer onto T-shirt transfer paper, and then transferred them to squares of material. I then made a quilt with the squares, and used brown, heavy thread to embroider a "tree" to connect them in order. I gave one to my sister's oldest son and his wife, and one to my oldest son and his wife (my sister and I are the only children of my parents). If they are cared for properly, they will go down the line for many generations and hopefully awaken a few future genealogists in my descendants!

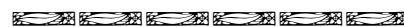
Submitted by Lori Jett.

**ORGANIZING INFORMATION
ON PLACES**

I am always on the lookout for interesting descriptions of the locations my ancestors inhabited during the time period they were there, advertisements in old city directories or newspapers for the establishments or trades in which my ancestors were employed, etc. One example is a wonderful description of Somerset, Ohio in 1883, in which all of the business establishments were listed. My ancestors ran a grocery store there during that time period, so I copied the article to add a little human interest to the facts I have gathered about them.

However, I never seem to have a good place to file these items. Filing with a certain family wasn't exactly accurate, because several families may have lived there or worked there, moving in or moving out over a span of several years. I could never remember in which family folder I had chosen to locate the item. Now, I just keep a separate accordion folder for these "location" items. The pockets are labeled, "Minneapolis, MN;" "Somerset, OH;" "Atlanta, GA;" etc. Whenever I find something pertinent, it goes into the location folder. Someday, when I create an album or book with all my genealogical data, I will have to face the issue of how to incorporate these "location" pieces, but at least I will be able to find them easily.

Submitted by Joy McMullen.



**A pack rat
is hard to live with
but makes a fine ancestor.**

~ O N T H E W E B ~

GODFREY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<www.Godfrey.org>

This is big!

The Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, Connecticut, has expanded its Godfrey Scholars program. They offer online access to HeritageQuest, along with searchable versions of the following newspapers:

Los Angeles Times (1881-1984)
New York Times (1851-2001)
Washington Post (1877-1988)

You can search on every word, in every article -- even the ads. Plus, each article is easy to download, print or save.

Having these newspapers online makes it easier for genealogists to find obituary notices, birth and wedding announcements, along with biographical sketches and news stories.

There are even more newspapers available; the Godfrey Library website has details on all the online services the library provides. You will also find a membership application you can download, fill out, and mail in. If you just can't wait, you can phone them at (860) 346-4375 with your credit card and get your access number right away.

The best part -- the cost to become a Godfrey Scholar is only \$35.00 a year.



VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL WALL

<<http://www.thewall-usa.com/>>

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As I was doing research on my history, I came across a man that was killed in Vietnam. All I had was his name and that he was killed in the Vietnam War. I began to brainstorm with my husband, a retired military man. We happened to think of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall webpage. There we were able to get a write-up on the person that I was looking for.

-- Jeanne Duffey of Veradale, Washington

**THE ATLANTIC WORLD:
AMERICA AND THE NETHERLANDS**

<<http://international.loc.gov/intldl/awkbhtml/awkbhome.html>>

The Atlantic World: America and the Netherlands explores the history of the Dutch presence in America and the interactions between the United States and the Netherlands from Henry Hudson's 1609 voyage to the post-World-War-II period. The project is the product of ongoing cooperation between the Library of Congress and the National Library of the Netherlands, which has enlisted the cooperation of other leading Dutch libraries, museums, and archives.

Along with Britain, France, Russia, and Spain, the Netherlands was one of the few European powers to claim territory and build settlements on North American soil. The initial stage of this online project, completed in the fall of 2003, focuses on the period between 1609 and 1664, when the Dutch established the colony of New Netherland, located in parts of present-day New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Connecticut.



DearMYRTLE

<<http://www.dearmyrtle.com/>>

Reprinted from a post by Susan Kaufman on the Association for Professional Genealogists mailing list <APG-L@rootsweb.com> on January 26, 2004.

Curt Witcher, Manager of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library will be a guest on DearMYRTLE's Family History Hour Internet radio program. This free program will be aired on Tuesday, February 24 at 9:00 pm Eastern time, highlighting the library collection, our outstanding temporary quarters, access to our resources, and what is in store for our new building when we return in 2006.

To hear this live internet radio program visit DearMYRTLE's website on Tuesday, February 24 at 9:00 pm Eastern time. If you miss that broadcast, rebroadcasts are available for the next week 24/7. You will need to download LIVE365 radio to listen. This is available through the DearMYRTLE website also.

This is a great opportunity to hear Curt Witcher talk about one of the best known genealogy collections in the United States and the future plans for it!

~ E V E N T S ~

*Several genealogical events are coming up in our area in the next few months.
Here are the details on some of them:*

**South Bay Cities
Genealogical Society
Sixth Annual
Genealogy Seminar**

Saturday, February 21
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Redondo Beach Community Center
350 Knob Hill Avenue
Redondo Beach

Guest Speaker:
Henry (Hank) Jones, Jr.

Topics:

- ♦ When the Sources are Wrong!
- ♦ Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research
- ♦ Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where We've Been and Where We're Going
- ♦ How Psychic Roots Became an "Unsolved Mystery!"

Fee:

\$25.00 if received by February 17
\$30.00 at the door

Registration form available at the SBCGS website (address below) or by mailing your check to:

2004 Seminar, SBCGS
P. O. Box 11069
Torrance CA 90510

For online information, visit
<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~casbcgs>
> or email <sbcgs@hotmail.com>.

**Genealogy Society of
North Orange County
California
Annual Seminar**

Saturday, March 20
8:45 am - 3:15 pm

Yorba Linda Community Center
4501 Casa Loma Avenue
Yorba Linda

Featured speaker:
Melinda Kashuba, Ph. D.

Seminars:

- ♦ Solving Brick Wall Problems -- A New Approach
- ♦ Techniques for Finding People in the 21st Century
- ♦ Mapping Your Ancestor's Neighborhood

Great door prizes, including:

- ♦ 5 hours of research time donated by professional genealogists Beth McCarty, Wendy Elliott, and Celia Christensen
- ♦ 2 nights at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Salt Lake City
- ♦ 1 year free membership GSNOCC
- ♦ "Genealogy 101" by Barbara Renick

Fee: \$17 with pre-registration or \$20 at the door.

More information available at
<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cagsn>
occ/> or by calling (714) 528-4977.

**Southern California
Genealogical Society
Genealogical Jamboree
and Resource Expo**

Friday, April 16 &
Saturday, April 17

Westin Pasadena
191 North Los Robles
Pasadena

This two-day event draws speakers, exhibitors, and vendors from throughout the country who provide participants with classes, displays, demonstrations and items of interest to the family history researcher.

Fee:

\$25.00 if received before March 1
\$30.00 at the door.

For more information, phone (818) 843-7247, write Southern California Genealogical Society, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank CA 91504-2408, email <scgs@earthlink.net>, or visit <<http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com>>.

Please note:

Questing Heirs will have a table at this year's Jamboree. (We'll have more information on our plans soon.) Please help us make this a success! We need volunteers to work the booth in two-hour shifts. Contact Liz Myers by phone at (562) 598-3027 or by email at <lizstookes@cs.com> if you can help.



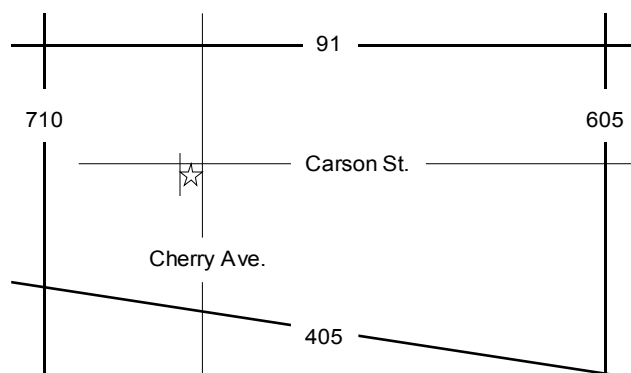
You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason
why we observe daylight savings time.

Dave Barry

~ C A L E N D A R ~

♦ Saturday, February 7, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Orange County, California Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

♦ **Sunday, February 15, 1:15 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 at right. For program information, see page 10.



- ♦ Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 pm. Genealogy Society of North Orange County California monthly meeting. Yorba Linda Community Center, corner of Imperial Highway and Casa Loma, Yorba Linda.
- ♦ Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance. Program: Gregory Rager: Identifying Old Photographs.
- ♦ Saturday, February 21, 1:00 pm. Whittier Area Genealogical Society monthly meeting, Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. Beginner/Intermediate Class at 9:00 am; Computer Interest Group at 10:30 am.
- ♦ Saturday, February 21, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society Sixth Annual Genealogy Seminar. Redondo Beach Community Center, 350 Knob Hill Avenue, Redondo Beach. Featured speaker: Henry (Hank) Jones, Jr. See page 15 for more information.
- ♦ Sunday, February 22, 1:00 -3:00 pm. British Isles Family History Society general meeting. Los Angeles FHC.* Speaker: Kay Ronald Devonshire. Topic: Open Censuses of England & Wales 1841-1901. Study group meets from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Leader: Jim McNamara. Topic: PowerPoint Presentations Made Easy.
- ♦ Saturday, February 28. Whittier Area Genealogical Society & Whittier LDS Church present a Family History Fair. Details to follow.
- ♦ Saturday, March 20. Genealogy Society of North Orange County California annual seminar. Featured speaker: Melinda Kashuba, Ph. D. See page 15 for more information.
- ♦ Friday, April 16 & Saturday, April 17. SCGS Genealogical Jamboree and Resource Expo. Westin Pasadena, 191 North Los Robles, Pasadena. See page 15 for more information.
- ♦ Wednesday, May 19 – Saturday, May 22. National Genealogical Society Conference. Sacramento. Theme: A Golden Prospect. Information available at <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>>.

*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 FHC are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. The LA FHC 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.lafhc.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.