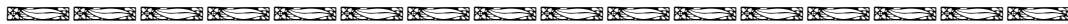




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MONTHLY MEETING: third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p. m.
Resurrection Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 1900 East Carson Street, Long Beach

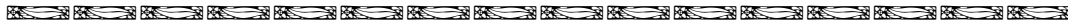


SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005

1:15	Class	FINDING DIRECTIONS VIA MAPS presented by Liz Myers
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2:15	Break	Time for chatting, browsing, and refreshments
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2:30	General Meeting	SPEAKER ANN BROWNING <i>The Story of the Orphan Train</i>
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MARCH MEETING

CLASS: FINDING DIRECTIONS VIA MAPS

Join us at 1:15pm as Questing Heirs member Liz Myers presents a basic how-to on map reading.



SPEAKER: ANN BROWNING

You may be one of the estimated two million Americans who have an ancestor who rode an Orphan Train. This can mean that you have hit a “brick wall” in your research. Between the 1850s and the 1920s there were over 150,000 orphaned and abandoned children sent from East Coast cities to new homes in the West. Their identities were often obscured by their new families. Ann Browning will share her knowledge of this little-known story in America’s social history at our January meeting. We will learn of her unique experience in discovering her own family’s Orphan Train legacy.

Ann is a recent and enthusiastic genealogy researcher, and a member of the South Orange County California Genealogical Society. Ann and her husband Richard moved to Mission Viejo from Seattle eight years ago. They enjoy their retirement in the Palmia Community, where Ann is a board member of the Genealogy Club.

SOCIETY NEWS

As reported in last month's newsletter, fellow Questing Heirs members **Liz Myers** and **John McCoy** have been invited to give presentations at the Orange Family History Seminar on Saturday, April 23. Please see page 21 of this issue for more information on this event.

FINANCIAL REPORT
David WERTS (562) 431-7790

January Income	\$	259.11
January Expenses		537.60

Balance as of January 31, 2005	\$	26,949.72
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We will be putting \$20,000 of the above bank balance into a CD this month.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeanette (Marcus) JONES (562) 421-5610

FEBRUARY MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members: 26 Guests: 2

NEW MEMBER

Cheryl Tardif	Individual	9/05
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RENEWALS

Joy Buras	Newsletter	9/05
Betty Bell Feldman	Sustaining	9/05
Patricia Glow	Individual	9/05
Charles & Bonnie Horton	Family	9/05
Patricia Kingsley	Newsletter	9/05
Herbert Laffoon	Individual	1/06
Martha Morgan	Newsletter	9/05
Liz Myers	Individual	9/06
Jackie Riley	Newsletter	9/05
Olas & Jo Nell Rook	Family	9/05
Mary F. Wilkinson	Sustaining	12/06

REFRESHMENTS

Georgie (Peterson) LYONS (562) 432-4908

Thanks to our February hosts:
Linda ARTUSO Kay FOORD
Liz MYERS Tina YANIS

Our March hosts will be:
Marilyn (DeLonjay) BRASHER
Carol JOHNSON
Georgie (Peterson) LYONS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF PLANET EARTH

Quite by accident, I found what can only be called the world's most complete Internet site for archives. UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, has taken its mission seriously. The UNESCO website now features a "Portal" for archives, and other for libraries. The easiest way to get to the portals is on the UNESCO web page for "communication and education" at <<http://www.unesco.org/webworld>>.

About halfway down the left side of the page, notice the menu selection, "Portals," under which you will find "Archives" and "Libraries." I decided to explore.

Under "Archives," there is a choice of national, state and regional, communal (meaning, archives of cities and towns, known officially in much of Europe as communes), and several other flavors of archives. I was astonished to discover there are archives on all continents except Antarctica, and many of them have on-line content. Under state and regional archives, I drilled down to Europe, Italy, and finally to the archives of the state of Turin, which houses a vast trove of documents from the ancient royal house of Savoy. I don't read Italian well, but I managed to locate a text search option and was soon reading through the titles of documents from the 16th Century. I spotted a familiar name, Contessa di Tenda—she was the person who helped my ancestor Bernard Gélieu find a job as a

protestant minister after he fled from France in 1572 (Savoie was then a separate entity, and the protestant religion was tolerated at that time). I had always suspected she was the widow of Bernard's first employer, Antoine de Clermont d'Amboise, and the catalogue entry contained the clues that led me to the proof! If I were willing to wade farther into the web site, I could even order a copy of the document!



Another exploration led me to an amazing web site called British History Online at <<http://www.british-history.ac.uk>>. I tried "Johannot" in the search box, and there it was, a passage from the Victoria History of Middlesex (1976) describing the paper mill at Tottenham operated by Israel Johannot, a member of one of my ancestral families. The very next sentence sent me scurrying. The paper mill next belonged to Thomas Cooke, a name I recognized as the second

husband of Israel Johannot's widow. I knew nothing about him. Now, I sensed a story: not only did he marry the widow, he also took over the business. Back to Google, I searched on "Thomas Cooke" in the appropriate date range, and discovered a fascinating tale that can only be described as Dickensian. Thomas Cooke (1726-1811) achieved fame as a miser. His unflattering biography, published in 1813, went into at least three editions. He had worked as an excise tax inspector at the paper mill, and after the death of the proprietor, had threatened to expose certain fraudulent practices at the mill unless the widow would marry him. She did. They lived mainly on homegrown cabbage, and he was famous for prowling the streets at night with a bucket and trowel, gathering horse manure for his cabbage patch. Even in death, Mr. Cooke was negotiating with the undertaker, Mr. Bodkin, to get a coffin below market price. An engraving of a corpulent, haughty gentleman supported by his maidservant completes the picture of a man described as the "least mourned individual ever buried in St. Mary's churchyard" in Islington.

There are two morals to our story: don't be a miser, and always search the archives to locate the colorful stories that will make your genealogy interesting!

— John McCoy

OF INTEREST

**CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES
TO OPEN RECORDS**

On page 5 of the Winter 2005 issue of The Searcher, newsletter of the Southern California Genealogical Society, Paula Hinkel reports:

In early October, The California State Archives announced that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger had signed AB2719. This bill, whose primary sponsor was the Secretary of State, will open all records held by the State Archives 75 years after date of creation. Currently, records from such state agencies as Corrections, Youth Authority, Mental Health and many others are restricted from public access indefinitely.

This legislation will be effective January 1, 2005, opening all records created before 1931. More detailed information will follow on the State Archives web site at <<http://www.ss.ca.gov/archives/archives.htm>> in the coming weeks.



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BIRTH RECORDS PRESERVED**

Bill Principe reports on page 13 of the Winter 2005 issue of The Searcher, newsletter of the Southern California Genealogical Society:

I was in the Los Angeles County archives in Norwalk yesterday, and was very pleased to see that the oldest county birth records (1889 to 1920) have finally been preserved.

Until now, these irreplaceable records were sitting on a table in the records room, for anyone to handle. They were in broken bindings, and many of the pages were crumbling or torn.

The County hired Brown's River Records Preservation Service of Essex, Vermont. Brown's River has protected each page of these records in its own clear polyester

sleeve, and bound them all in new, durable binding.

I visit New England towns frequently, and many of them have hired Brown's River to preserve their oldest records. I know Los Angeles County made the right choice with this firm.



ANY CHAPMANS OUT THERE?

The Chapman Family Association Fifth Annual Convention will be held June 3-5, 2005, in Burlington, Vermont. All Chapman family members and researchers are invited to attend.

The program will include presentations on the various Chapman families in the United States, tips on genealogical research, and a business meeting. In addition, a great deal of material including genealogical data and related information will be available for research by attendees throughout the convention.

Tours are being arranged for participants prior to the conference. Visits to Vermont's Champlain Valley and other scenic and historic New England sites are being planned. Everyone is encouraged to spend a few extra days in the area looking for early New England ancestors. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Burlington, 1068 Williston Road, South Burlington VT 05403. Reservations should be made with the hotel before May 25, 2005. Mention the Chapman Family Association Convention to receive the group rate and to be recorded as part of the group. Phone (802) 863-6363 or (800) 799-6363, fax (802) 863-3061.

To receive registration forms and to obtain additional information, contact either Robert B. Chapman, 220 MacFarlane Drive #904, Delray Beach FL 33483-6821 email <Robertbchapman@cs.com>, or M. D. Chapman Morgan, P.O. Box 2325, Orcutt, CA 93457-2325 email <Chapmanmorgan@verizon.net>, or visit the Chapman Family Association Web Site at <<http://www.chapmanfamilies.org/>>.



A witty saying proves nothing. — V o l t a i r e

EVENTS

**BYU COMPUTERIZED
GENEALOGY CONFERENCE
MARCH 25-26, 2005**

The eighth annual Computerized Genealogy Conference at Brigham Young University has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2005. This conference is designed to be a how-to guide for everyone, including beginning, intermediate, and advanced researchers. The focus of the conference is to learn how advancements in computer programs have revolutionized genealogical and family history work. Last year more than four hundred participants attended the Conference, learning how new programs can simplify and enhance genealogical research. Some topics that were covered included running genealogy software, working with databases, emailing to do genealogy, and finding useful tools on the Internet. Anyone with interest in genealogy is invited to join the Conference and meet with fellow genealogists and computer enthusiasts and to learn from leaders in the genealogy computer world—faculty, vendors and outside presenters. For further information, write BYU Conferences and Workshops, 136 Harman Continuing Education Building, Provo UT 84602-1516, phone (801) 422-4853, email <cw136@byu.edu>, or visit <<http://genealogyconferences.byu.edu>>.

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<<http://www.NGSgenealogy.org/upfront.htm>>.*



**ORANGE COUNTY FAMILY HISTORY FAIR
APRIL 23, 2005**

The Orange Family History Center will be presenting its Family History Fair on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The Fair will be held at the Orange FHC, located at 674 South Yorba Street in Orange.

Questing Heirs will have a presence there. John McCoy will be giving two classes: Research in French-Speaking Switzerland and Who Were the Huguenots? Liz Myers will be giving two classes: Ramming Through Your Brick Walls and Guide to Basic Use of Maps. Attendance to the fair is free. All class materials will be

included in the syllabus, which costs \$10. A box lunch will be available for \$7.25.

The pre-registration deadline is April 13. Pre-registration is not required, but highly recommended. The syllabus and lunch should be ordered at the time of pre-registration, since only a limited number will be available on the day of the seminar. The registration form has not yet been issued, however it should be available in time for our April newsletter.

For more information, contact the Orange FHC at (714) 997-7710.



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE
ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
JULY 10-16, 2005**

The National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR), held at the National Archives in Washington, D. C. and College Park, Maryland, is an intensive program offering on-site examination of federal records. Designed for experienced researchers, it is not an introduction to genealogy.

This year, the Institute will take place from Sunday, July 10 to Saturday, July 16. The program focuses on immigration, military, land, cartographic, passport, African American, and Native American records, and more. One day at Archives II and optional evening sessions at the Library of Congress and the DAR library are included.

Enrollment is limited. Application brochures will be mailed in February 2005. The class fills very quickly. Tuition is \$350 for applications postmarked by May 15, or \$400 thereafter. Scholarships are available. For more information or to receive an application brochure, write to NIGR, P.O. Box 724, Lanham MD 20703-0724, email <NatInsGen@juno.com>, or see the web site at <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/>>.

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ON THE WEB

HERITAGEQUEST ADDS RECORDS

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

HeritageQuest has added Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files to its site. This collection details records of more than 80,000 individuals who served in the Revolutionary War, and contains both genealogical and historical information. Each veteran's file usually contains six or more pages on each veteran and normally includes the veteran's former rank, unit, and period of service, age or date of birth, residence, and sometimes, genealogical information on other family members.



THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

<<http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/vshadow2/tour.html>>

This site, created by the University of Virginia, is the gateway into the story of the Civil War as seen by the people of two communities in the Great Valley of the United States: Franklin County, Pennsylvania and Augusta County, Virginia. The project weaves together the histories of these two places, separated by a few hundred miles and the Mason-Dixon Line.

This site is laid out as a virtual building divided into eight rooms: Reception, Public Records, Reference Center, Letters & Diaries, Newspapers, Church Records, Military Records, and Maps & Images. These rooms are all hotlinked from the octagonal floor plan of our Archive, which comes from a building designed by Thomas Jefferson. You can then search different types of records from both Augusta and Franklin counties in each room.



BUFFALO ROOTS

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

Buffalo Roots is a fast-loading, low-graphics, non-commercial website for family history in the eight counties of Western New York. It features hundreds of links for genealogical societies, historical organizations, libraries, archives, cemeteries, religious bodies, maps, as

well as in-depth explanations of what kinds of records exist and where to find them, places to post the family names that you are researching, and more. Included is an alphabetized list of names and addresses of over 100 Buffalo-area genealogical organizations, local history groups, town historians, and others, all of whom do not have websites.



ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GENEALOGY

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

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy, sponsored by Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, is a free-content encyclopedia created by its readers. In fact, you can help by adding content: your own knowledge and expertise can help others. If you see anything in this encyclopedia that is incorrect, you can change it! If you see anything that is incomplete, you can add to it! If you note anything that is missing, you can add it! This encyclopedia will succeed because people like you contribute nuggets of information. When enough nuggets are added, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy will become a gold mine.

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy serves as a compendium of genealogical tools and techniques. It provides reference information about everything in genealogy except people. Look to the Encyclopedia of Genealogy to provide explanations of how to look up your family tree, explanations of terms found in genealogy research, including obsolete medical and legal terms. It will describe locations where records may be found. It also will describe how to research Italian, German, Polish, French-Canadian, Jewish, Black, Indian and other ancestors. In short, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy will serve as your standard genealogy reference manual.

It is to be noted that this encyclopedia is not a place to find all the ancestors of John Doe or all the descendants of John and Mary Smith. The World Wide Web already has many online message boards and databases that perform that function well. Instead, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy serves as a clearinghouse of genealogy techniques: where to find records, how to organize the data found, what the terminology means, and how to plan your next research effort.

LOCAL REPOSITORIES

Here in the Los Angeles area we are blessed with an abundance of genealogical collections. Following is a list of some local libraries and Family History Centers, along with a few highlights of their collections.

LIBRARIES

**LONG BEACH
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

101 Pacific Avenue
(at Ocean Boulevard)
(562) 570-7500
<<http://www.lbpl.org>>

Monday 10am–8pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 10am–5:30pm
Thursday 10am–8pm
Friday & Saturday 10am–5:30pm
Sunday closed

The downtown library features a large Genealogy section. Highlights of the collection include: the Filby immigration index collection; queries clipped from the Boston Transcript from the years 1896 to 1941, pasted onto 3" x 5" cards and filed alphabetically by surname; Long Beach newspapers and city directories on microfilm; California marriage and death indexes on microfiche; in-house access to Ancestry Plus and HeritageQuest.

Access to the Long Beach Public Library catalog, the Long Beach History and Newspaper Index, and the Biographical and Genealogical Master Index is freely available on the LBPL web page. At-home access to ProQuest is available to cardholders.

Volunteers from Questing Heirs in the library on Saturday afternoons to offer assistance.

**HUNTINGTON BEACH
CENTRAL LIBRARY**

7111 Talbert Avenue
(at Golden West)
(714) 842-4481
<<http://www.hbpl.org>>

Monday 1–9 pm
Tuesday–Thursday 9am–9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am–5pm
Sunday 1–5pm

Their genealogical collection contains over 16,000 volumes, and includes 300 volumes of family histories on microfilm, the Hollingsworth Card File, and the NEHGS Register 1847-1977 on microfilm.

**LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles
(213) 228-7000
<<http://www.lapl.org/central/history.html>>

Monday–Thursday 10am–8pm
Friday & Saturday 10am–6pm
Sunday 1pm–5pm

Features the largest genealogical holdings of any Southern California public library with more than 40,000 volumes, 80,000 maps, and nationwide city directories on 5,000 rolls of microfilm. As if that weren't enough, the food court has great Chinese food.



FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS

Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 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.

**LOS ANGELES
FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

10741 Santa Monica Boulevard,
West Los Angeles
(on the grounds of the
Los Angeles Temple)
(310) 474-9990
<<http://www.lafhc.org>>

Tuesday–Thursday 10am–7pm
Friday & Saturday 9am–5pm
Sunday & Monday closed

**ORANGE
FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

674 South Yorba Street, Orange
(714) 997-7710

Tuesday–Thursday 9am–9pm
Friday & Saturday 9am–5pm
Sunday & Monday closed

There are several smaller local Family History Centers, too:

LONG BEACH (Bixby Knolls)

3701 Elm Avenue
(562) 988-0509

LOS ALAMITOS

4142 Cerritos Avenue
(714) 821-6914

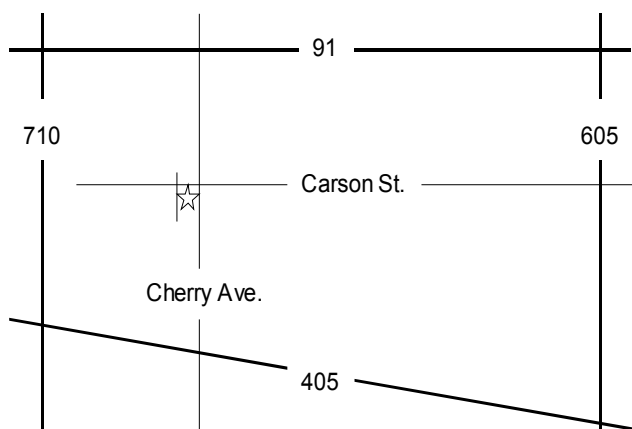
CERRITOS

17909 Bloomfield Avenue
(562) 924-3676

It is advised to call the local centers for their hours of operation, as they may change from time to time.

CALENDAR

- ◆ Saturday, March 12, 10:30am–4:00pm. Southern California Genealogical Society monthly meeting, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 16, 7:00pm. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance.
- ◆ Saturday, March 19, 12:00pm. Whittier Area Genealogical Society monthly meeting, Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. Speaker: Randy Thompson, Reference Services Coordinator, NARA Laguna Niguel. Topic: Military Records at the National Archives. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Pacific Region, located in Laguna Niguel, is an excellent source for military, census and other records. Randy will cover a brief history of each U.S. military involvement from the Revolution through the 20th Century, as well as the value and contents of the records created as a result of each conflict.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 20, 1:15pm. 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 18.



- ◆ Saturday, April 2, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Orange County, California Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach. Several classes,

interest groups, and presentations. There is a \$5.00 charge for all workshops, except for Basic Genealogy. Speaker: Dr. Ralph Crandall. Presentations: Migration Patterns from New England to Old Northwest, 1750 to 1850, and Can Californians do Research at NEHGS? -- New Possibilities.

- ◆ Saturday, April 2, 8am–4pm. Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Annual Seminar. First Presbyterian Church, corner of State Street and Constance, Santa Barbara. Featured Speaker: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck. For more information, contact Diane Sylvester, email <dlsnakk@aol.com>, or visit <<http://www.cagenweb.com/santabarbara/sbcgs/>>.
- ◆ Saturday, April 16, 9am–4pm. North San Diego County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar. Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad. Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, Supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, will be the speaker. Topics include: Lesser Used Genealogical Records, Identifying the Maiden Names of Females, Biographical Sources: Town/County/Regional/Occupational Records, Colonial Land Records, and Colonial Military Records. For information, email <fspong@san.rr.com>.
- ◆ Saturday, April 23, 9am–5pm. Orange County Family History Fair, Orange Family History Center, 674 South Yorba Street, Orange. Several speakers, including our own John McCoy and Liz Myers. Please see page 21 for more information.
- ◆ Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May 14. Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree & Resource Expo. Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel & Convention Center. For more information, phone (818) 843-7247, e-mail Leo Myers at <ltmyers@earthlink.net>, or visit <<http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com>>.



Know of an upcoming event that might be of interest to your fellow genealogists? Contact Mike Powers by phone at (562) 621-6631 or by email at <lunalake@pobox.com> for inclusion in the newsletter.