



**QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

**Next Meeting is Via Zoom on
August 21, 2022 at 1:00 PM with
“Social Time” starting at 12:30 PM**

**Our Guest Speaker is Joey L. Caccarozzo
presenting on Roman Catholic Records**

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held on
the third Sunday of the month at
1:00 p.m.

**Please note that the
August meeting will
be held via
Zoom and we anticipate a
hybrid meeting in September
More Info to follow at the
August 21st Meeting**

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

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QHGS President's Message



It was good to see Questing Heirs members in person at Heartwell Park last month. We took turns sharing our recent genealogical finds. Thank you to Cynthia Day-Elliott for donating and bringing ice cream bars. It was a nice treat on a hot day!

Good News!! St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church is welcoming us to their Parish for our monthly meetings starting in September. More information in the next newsletter.

Do you have a genealogy find that you want to share with us? Send our Newsletter Editor your story at questingheirs@gmail.com

If you have any comments or suggestions, let us know.

Christina "Tina" McKillip

August 21, 2022 Speaker Joey L. Caccarozzo presenting on: Roman Catholic Records



Joey L. Caccarozzo is a federal trial attorney by day and speaker and researcher on nights and weekends, with a focus in DNA, Italian, Louisiana, Slovak, and Ukrainian studies. She completed the Advanced Italian Genealogy course at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh in 2019 and her Italian and Eastern European genealogy certificates through the National Institute of Genealogy Studies in 2020. Joey is the speaker coordinator for the Pima County Genealogy Society and a member of its steering and programming committees.

Member Stories & Contributions

Read any good books lately?

Ancestor Trouble, A Reckoning and a Reconciliation by Maud Newton

Reviewed by: Bridget Dole

This is a newly published memoir about growing up in a family that has been dysfunctional for generations. The writer is a woman with Southern ancestors who were mostly slave owners, and when she finally finds a few Northerners in her tree, she discovers they wreaked havoc on the Native Americans. She feels guilt over the actions of her forebears and that's where the "Reckoning and Reconciliation" of the title come in as she grapples with her family's past.

But this is also a fascinating look into the history of genealogy. Newton further writes about genetic genealogy and physicality. Are those mugshots developed from DNA really accurate? How has heredity been viewed through the ages? What about last century's eugenics and this century's epigenetics?

The book has a few flaws. Although well-researched, at 324 pages (not including the notes and index) I'd have liked a little less meandering and repetition. I also had trouble keeping up with the characters because her maternal grandmother is "Granny" and her paternal grandmother is "Grandma." It really should have been Granny Martha and Grandma Alice to help us keep track of them. And, this may be nitpicking, but the book features a family tree with the maternal side on the left and the paternal side on the right. I can't determine if that was intentional, or a design decision of the publisher, but I imagine it will drive some genealogists nuts.

Still, Newton draws unforgettable portraits of the people in her tree, and her unsparingly honest writing about them and about herself made it all worthwhile. I felt connected with her even in those places where I disagreed with her viewpoint.

Questing Heirs member and Director of Publicity Diana Transue shared an article written by her daughter about a recent family reunion which they both attended.

Granddaughter of Millie Rokisky here!

I thought I'd share a few big-picture realizations I had this weekend at the 2022 Rokisky Family Reunion.

Not all families are well-positioned to have a family reunion.

Families are complicated. There's drama, death, tragedy, resentment....so many things that would send a family spiraling down a path of disintegration. But the Rokisky family, for some reason, has been able to rise above it all. The reunion proves our family is strong, resilient, and most of all – understanding.

Rokisky women are stunning.

My mom and dad only had brothers. This weekend was the first time I've seen women in their 60s, 70s, and 80s that have my DNA....nieces of my grandmother. They were all stunningly beautiful, and made me less terrified of aging. From now on, I will embrace every wrinkle and imperfection that comes my way.

And us women, and our men, are hard-working:

I didn't know I still had relatives working in coal mines. I married a heavy-duty machinery mechanic. It all makes a ton of sense now.

My mom (Diana), and Andy, and everyone involved in coordinating the reunion are very talented people.

This reunion wasn't just an event. It was an experience. It combined education, fun, love, networking....the list goes on and on. Every little detail was considered. We owe this life-changing experience to those who coordinated it. A heartfelt THANK YOU to you all, from us all.

We should all strive to be the spark.

The most impactful thing I took away from this weekend was that we should all strive to be the spark Ignatius and Hermina Rokisky ignited. It wasn't just love. It was dedication, resilience, determination, effectively-processed grief, and.....perhaps a sense of humor that got them through it all.

In the end, I realized that the act of "gathering" is much more complex than I had ever understood. We gather because we have something in common. In this case, we all had common memories of those we have loved. We could hear their voices in our heads, see their faces in our minds, and feel the love of their presence. The Rokisky Family Reunion was much more than a reunion, simply for the living. It was a reunion that brought together all spirits, near and far....for the sake of having a good time, and remembering what matters most.

Upcoming August Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars : Upcoming August 2022 Webinars](#)

(Click on the above link to register for any of the webinars below)

All times listed are PDT

Date	Time	Speaker	Topic
Tuesday August 9	11:00 AM	Mike Mansfield	Danish Research with Online Records at MyHeritage and Beyond
Wednesday August 10	5:00 PM	Cathie Sherwood	Need help with grammar and punctuation? There's a tool for that!
Tuesday August 16	5:00 PM	Jennifer Zinck, CG	Finding Fayette's Father: Autosomal DNA Reveals Misattributed Parentage
Wednesday, August 17	11:00 AM	Devin Ashby	FamilySearch.org – 5 More Links You Have to Try
Friday August 19	11:00 AM	Dave Obee	Tracing Your Alberta Connections
Tuesday August 23	11:00 AM	Daniel Horowitz	Make your photos speak with DeepStory
Wednesday August 24	11:00 AM	Billie Stone Fogarty, M.Ed.	Researching Oklahoma Roots
Wednesday August 31	11:00 AM	David W. Jackson	Direct Your Letters to San Jose: Following Ancestors' Migration Trails

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Family Photographs*

Who's Little Joe? Photo Identification 101

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