

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

The Meeting on September 18, 2022 will begin at 2:00 PM. This will be a hybrid meeting utilizing Zoom and also meets in person for those who wish to attend at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church

Our Guest Speaker is Eleanor Brinsko presenting on Farming, Factories & the Frontier: Midwest Genealogy

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

**St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church
5306 E. Arbor Road
Long Beach, CA 90808
Between Bellflower Blvd. and Clark next to Pan American Park or via Zoom**

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

Look for us on the Web:
<http://www.qhgs.info/>
 or on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/QuestingHeirs/>

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Important Notice on Meeting Changes

We will be moving from an all Zoom platform to a hybrid meeting. If you wish to attend in person, you may do so or continue to join in virtually on Zoom. As such, we have agreed to the request of St. Thomas of Canterbury to begin our meetings at 2:00 PM instead of the normal 1:00 PM in order to meet in person.

QHGS President's Message



Our first hybrid meeting will be this month. If you are ready to attend in person, come to our new meeting place - St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church. In addition, a Zoom link will be emailed to all members in case you choose to attend virtually this month. We thank Reverend Sharon Sheffield for welcoming us to their Parish. Don't forget our new time of 2:00 pm! For those attending thru Zoom, we won't have social time this month.

For those attending in person, Rev. Sharon has recommended wearing your mask although it is not mandatory. We will have our speaker coming thru Zoom. There will be no second speaker or snacks this month. Bring your own water or favorite drink.

I look forward to seeing everyone!

Christina "Tina" McKillip

Board Positions Open for 2023-2024

President **

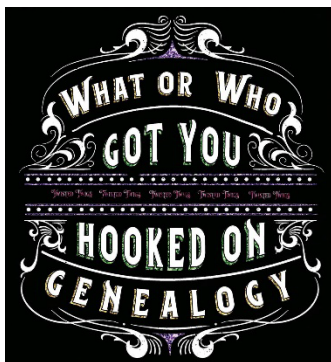
2nd Vice President (Membership)

Newsletter

**** The President needs to have been a previous member of the Board (past or present). If you are interested in any position but need more information about the volunteer job, please contact Tina McKillip at questingheirs@gmail.com.**

It is instrumental to have new volunteers to bring in ideas for our membership.

Let us know how you got hooked!



Email your story to tamparoots@gmail.com

September 18, 2022 Speaker

Eleanor Brinsko presenting on:

Farming, Factories & the Frontier: Midwest Genealogy



Eleanor Brinsko is a professional genealogist and owns Carlon Genealogical Services, LLC, where she researches family history questions for clients and also gives genealogical presentations for libraries, historical societies, and genealogy groups around Wisconsin. She was recently hired by the University of Wisconsin to teach a genealogy course for their iSchool, the school for future librarians. Eleanor has a Bachelor's of Music Education--K-12 General and Instrumental Music and also holds two Master's degrees from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: a Master's of Library and Information Science and a Master's in Music History and Literature, specializing in Minnesota radio history.

Member Stories & Contributions

Read any good books lately?

The Pioneers by David McCullough

If you have ancestors among the pioneers who settled in southeastern Ohio between 1788 and 1863, particularly along the Ohio River, you'll appreciate this book.

It's a fascinating look at the opening of what was then called the Northwest Territory to veterans of the Revolutionary War and their families. And, thanks to the farsighted men who negotiated the deal, the law that gave the pioneers land included three remarkable conditions: freedom of religion, free universal education and the prohibition of slavery. The book is aptly subtitled, "The Heroic Story of the Settlers who Brought the American Ideal West."

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author, David McCullough, who also wrote *John Adams* and *1776*, uses letters and diaries from that time to share the story of these families who settled Ohio. McCullough was a wonderful writer with a great narrative style, and in this book he gives us a close-up look at what life was like for pioneers of that time.

My own ancestors were in northeastern Ohio (Ashtabula County), but it's likely they traveled down the Ohio River on their eventual trek west. This book gave me a greater appreciation for the hardships all early settlers faced. I highly recommend it.

Reviewed by: Bridget Dole

Questing Heirs member and Director of Publicity Diana Transue shares Family Cookbook Link.

For those who like to cook, Diana Transue shares the Rokisky family cookbook via the link below that she received at her recent family reunion. You may need to accept the “cookies” on your computer to access this site. Thank you Diana!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/ILKt64XOZs6RMdqZLJGRlxmLI4Nj_orTF

Do It Now!

Do you remember hearing stories from your parents about what life was like when they grew up? Maybe stories from their schooling? First jobs? What they did during any of the wars? Interesting, right? Now how are your children and grandchildren going to have any of this to color in the usual Vital Records info readily available to genealogists? You (and your siblings) may be the only people alive who have this information!

And what about you? Given the age of this group, you probably have grandchildren – when they’re old enough to care or remember, what are they going to know about you other than significant dates and a few locations?

A few years back, I started typing up things my father told me about his childhood, and expanded it to stories about my family back to my grandparents (and a few aunts and uncles along the way). I made no attempt to put them in any sort of chronological order – just get ‘em down in print. (I used one of the better free word processors for this – what can I say? I’m cheap!) I started with a page for each person for whom I had a story, and soon found I had multiple pages for my parents. I passed a copy to my brother, and he gave me some more.

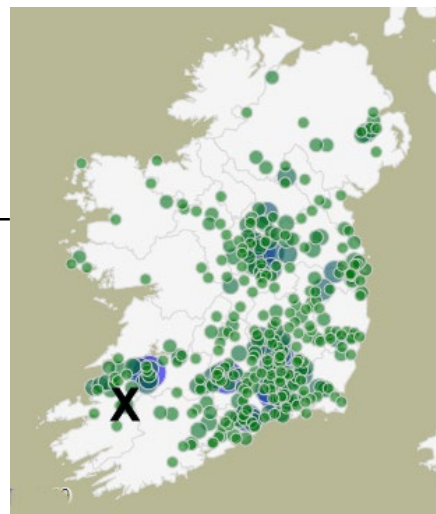
What do I do with it when I “finish”? (Of course, it’s like a family tree – it’s never finished.) I’m looking at some of the family history publishing software that exists, but the collection for each person can be sorted more-or-less chronologically and appended as a “story” to an Ancestry.com tree. I’d hate to see them completely disappear.

How to get started? What do you remember about your parents? Grandparents? Do you have a better story than the day my mother went out with three different guys? Or my father’s stories about trying to sell Buicks in downtown Manhattan during the height of the depression? And what about your own stories? I’m sure you have some about your own life that’d be worth passing on to your descendants. Future generations are waiting! Start typing! Don’t wait! Remember the African proverb: “When an old person dies, a library burns to the ground.”

Exactly Where did that Surname Come From?

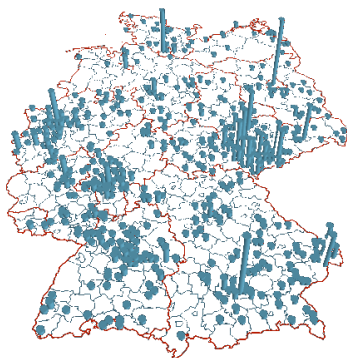
Bob Prager

When I was investigating my Irish ancestry, I came across John Grenham's site (johngrenham.com) which allowed one to type in a surname and see exactly where in Ireland that name occurred in Griffith's Valuation (1847-1864). Sure enough, there's a small cluster of Daltons on the Limerick/Kerry border, where my great grandmother grew up. (He's since added many features to the site – it's a great resource in Irish genealogy, and would be worth a complete presentation, although it would only appeal to those interested in Irish genealogy.)



Daltons in Ireland

However, as I was listening to a webinar on deciphering old German cursive script (I have Jewish ancestry, so family records would probably have been written in Yiddish using the Hebrew alphabet, but what the heck!) the speaker mentioned a similar site for present-day Germany (<https://geogen.stoepel.net/>). I checked and found there are quite a few Pragers in Germany, with the expected cluster in Berlin.



Pragers in Germany

Okay, given that, I wondered how many *other* countries had sites that would allow me to find family name locations? I thought that (particularly for western Europe) there must be at least a few more, so I turned to Google to find some of them.

Surprise! Our old friend *familysearch.org* had done the same thing and published a table of such sites sorted by country at https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Surname_Distribution_Maps It even includes a “world-wide” site which shows how many times that name appears in each of the countries on the map.

A brief warning – the first site under The Netherlands actually goes to a German site. I've informed them, they thanked me for the information and promised to make a correction, but until they fix it, the correct site is <https://www.surnamemap.eu/netherlands/>

I hope you find this site both useful and entertaining!

Upcoming September Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

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

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

All times listed are PDT

Date	Time	Speaker	Topic
Friday September 2	7:15 AM	Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A.	10 Best Self-Publishing Trips for Family Historians
Friday September 2	8:30 AM	Dave Obee	Changing Places, Changing Borders: Overcoming Geographic Challenges
Friday September 2	9:45 AM	Myko Clelland	Tracing Migrating Ancestors: Who, What, Where, When, Why and How
Friday September 2	11:00 AM	Cheri Hudson Passey	Descendants of the Enslaved and Enslavers – Working Together to Discover Family
Tuesday September 6	7:00 PM	Michelle Patient	Shackles, Shekels and Shrapnel: The Exodus to the Southern Seas
Wednesday September 7	11:00 AM	Diahan Southard	mtDNA and YDNA in 2022
Friday September 9	7:15 AM	Michael L. Strauss, AG	Delivering the Mail: Records of the United States Post Officer
Friday September 9	8:30 AM	J. Mark Lowe, FUGA	What's Next When You Are Told Those Records Were "Burnt Up"
Friday September 9	9:45 AM	Emmanuel Condamine	An Introduction to Filae: The Largest Source of French Archives
Friday September 9	11:00 AM	Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv	Understanding and Using Scottish Kirk Session Records
Wednesday September 14	5:00 PM	Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS	Michigan: An Upper Midwest Researchers Dream
Friday September 16	7:15 AM	James M. Beidler	Germany to Pennsylvania: 18 th Century Odyssey
Friday September 16	8:30 AM	Judy G. Russell	Using Google Books to Find the Law
Friday September 16	9:45 AM	E. Randol Schoenberg	The Pros and Cons of Collaboration on Geni.com

Friday September 16	11:00 AM	Colleen Robledo Green, MLIS	Essential Immigration Records for Researching Your Mexican Ancestors
Tuesday September 20	5:00 PM	Julie Miller, CG, CGL	Abstracting Documents: An Essential Skill for All Genealogists
Wednesday September 21	11:00 AM	Andy Klein	Ransomware and Your Computer
Friday September 23	7:15 AM	Teri E. Flack	Strategies to Jumpstart Your Research
Friday September 23	8:30 AM	Rick Sayre, CG, GCL, FUGA	A Deep Dive into the Map Collections of the Library of Congress
Friday September 23	9:45 AM	Cathy Wallace	Documenting Cemeteries with BillionGraves
Friday September we	11:00 AM	Cyndi Ingle	Mastering Digital Filing for Genealogists
Tuesday September 27	11:00 AM	Mike Mansfield	Sweden Research with Online Records at MyHeritage and Beyond
Wednesday September 28	11:00 AM	Brenda Hudson, Ph.D.	Start with You: Writing About Yourself
Friday September 30	7:15 AM	Michelle Leonard	The Top Ten DNA Do's and Don'ts!
Friday September 30	8:30 AM	Janice Lovelace, PhD	Separate Even in Death – Black Funerals and Cemeteries
Friday September 30	9:45 AM	Rebecca Koford, CG, CGL	Indirect Evidence, A Case Study: The Parents of Elizabeth Wingate in Maryland (1795-1860)
Friday September 30	11:00 AM	Diane L. Richard	50 Mostly “Hot off the Press” Net Sites You Want to Check Out!

Florida Genealogical Society – Annual Seminar

Tickets are available for the 2022 Annual FGS Seminar on October 1, 2022 via Zoom. Presentations by Lisa Louise Cooke include:

- Reconstruct Your Ancestor's World with Google
- Three Cold Cases Solved: Photo Techniques
- Save Your Research From Destruction
- Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers

<https://fgstampa.org/2022-annual-seminar/#register>

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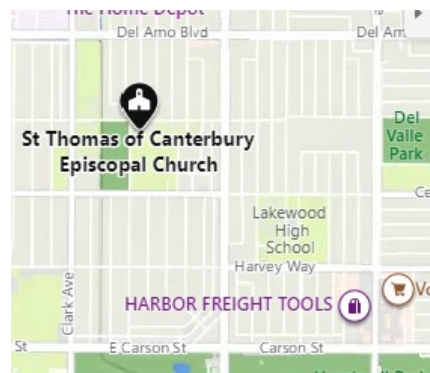
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Have a safe and happy Labor Day!