

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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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, APRIL 18, 2004

1:15 Classes	Basic (by request)	Getting Started
	Intermediate	What's New in Genealogy?

2:15 Break	Time for chatting, browsing, and refreshments
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2:30 General Meeting	SPEAKER STEPHANIE SPIKA: Saving Family Treasures
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~APRIL MEETING~

SPEAKER: STEPHANIE SPIKA

Stephanie Spika began working full time for the Long Beach Main Library seven years ago, first as Children's Librarian, later as Young Adult Services Librarian, and currently Long Beach History Collection Librarian. She is responsible for the preservation of all kinds of Long Beach history books, photos, materials, and memorabilia. For the past three years, Stephanie, Claudine Burnett, and Evelyn Matzat from the main library have presented computer/Internet classes to several genealogical societies.

Stephanie and her family have done research on their family for quite a number of years, and she enjoys attending genealogy workshops.

Stephanie has degrees from Long Beach City College, and CSU Long Beach. She also has an M.S. Degree in Library Information Services from CSU Fullerton. She has raised two daughters, who are now 18 and 21; both of them are employed as Homework Helpers for the library.

Stephanie acquired her first library card at North Branch Library in Long Beach, at age 5. She returned to the same branch some forty years later as the new North Branch Children's Librarian.

Stephanie's presentation, "Saving Family Treasures," will give participants how-to information about preserving important family documents and artifacts.

**INTERMEDIATE CLASS:
WHAT'S NEW IN GENEALOGY?**

John McCoy, fresh from a trip to Salt Lake City, will fill us in on some of the latest developments in the field.

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 their research.

~MEMBER-AT-LARGE~

Liz (Stooksberry) MYERS (562) 598-3027

**QUESTING HEIRS BOOTH
AT THE SCGS JAMBOREE**

The following people have already signed up to work the table. Thank each of you for helping. It is greatly appreciated.

Friday

Linda Artuso
Aaron Day
MaryEmma Hargrave
Chuck Mitchell

Saturday

MaryEmma Hargrave
George & Polly Johnson
Jeanette Jones
John McCoy
Liz Myers

We can still use your help at the Jamboree! Please contact Liz if you would like to volunteer.

~MEMBERSHIP REPORT~

Jeanette (Marcus) JONES (562) 421-5610

MARCH MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members: 23 Guests: 1

~FINANCIAL REPORT~

David WERTS (562) 431-7790

February EXPENSES	\$ 339.60
February INCOME *	0.29
BALANCE as of February 29, 2004	\$2,677.87

* before drawing & refreshment income

~REFRESHMENTS~

Many thanks to our hosts for the March meeting:

Marilyn (DeLonjay) BRASHER
George and Polly JOHNSON
Jeanette (Marcus) JONES
Liz (Stooksberry) MYERS

The list of hosts for the April meeting was not available at the time this issue went to press.

~ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

THE HAIRY NATION

This month, I gladly give my column over to the story of the Hairy Nation, as it appeared May 13, 1854, in the first newspaper ever published in Davis County, Iowa, as quoted in the 1881 History of Davis County, Iowa. The story demonstrates the differing views of the frontier: a place to escape from the requirements of civilization, or a place to build a new and better society, nourished by the rich prairie soil. As you will see, the latter view quickly prevailed.

– John McCoy

While on our way to this flourishing portion of Iowa, we frequently heard persons speak of the Hairy Nation; and being of an inquisitive disposition, we soon became anxious to know something about the location and peculiarities of the tribe of natives, (as we supposed they were) who were known by this cognomen; and upon inquiry of some of the oldest citizens were given the following history:

In the early days of the Territory of Iowa a hardy race of pioneers, most of whom had fought in the Black Hawk war,¹ settled in the extreme south portion of the territory and immediately on the northern line of the State of Missouri, so near indeed upon the line that the State of Missouri claimed them as citizens. There had been two lines run, one about ten miles north of the other. Missouri had such a title to the strip of ten miles lying between these two lines, as gave some appearance of equal right to her claim; and Iowa, with an appearance of equal right, also claimed these same settlers and the strip of land on which they resided. For a number of years these conflicting claims caused but little, if any, difficulty between the two claimants. As for the settlers, they claimed nothing but the freedom for which they had emigrated to the western frontier, to-wit: Freedom from the restraints imposed by the morality, the religion, the industrious habits, and the taxing proclivities of the old States. In addition to this freedom, they enjoyed the unsolicited and unexpected privilege of exercising the right of suffrage in both the State of Missouri and the Territory of Iowa. For it was a usual occurrence to see the acknowledged and authorized officers of the two governments at the same house and same time on this disputed territory, open polls for the election of officers for the State of Missouri and the Territory of Iowa. Ballots and whiskey were abundantly supplied, and the Hairy Nation (by which we mean the aforesaid settlers) were solicited to exercise their undoubted and undisputed right of sovereignty in both the State and Territorial

governments. This Nation of course could not and would not object to it, as they were in duty bound to secure the establishment of good governments to supersede that of the savage tribes they had just conquered.

Thus things went on swimmingly, until in the course of human events the tax gatherers came around. Then was presented a state of things never anticipated by the Nation, as unexpected and unsolicited as the extent of their right of suffrage, and infinitely more objectionable. A prompt and energetic refusal came then from the conquerors of Black Hawk and the Prophet,² and in this refusal the Nation was supported by a powerful State and a young and ambitious Territory – each of which protested against the extortionate exactions of the tax-gatherers of the other. The consequence of these conflicting claims, these refusals and protests was, that the Nation paid no taxes to anybody. But affairs could not long remain in such condition, and after a few years, civil officers, acting by authority of the two claiming governments, undertook to exercise authority over the Nation. Some of these officers were arrested and imprisoned by the opposite contending governments. Now, Greek had met Greek, and then came the tug of war. The Governor of Missouri called out the militia of his State and Gov. Lucas of Iowa, who had some experience with this kind of warfare in Ohio, against the

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¹ The Black Hawk War was fought mostly in 1832, in Illinois and Wisconsin (then Michigan Territory). The war chief Black Hawk attempted to settle his band to the east side of the Mississippi River; a series of unfortunate misunderstandings caused the incident to end in bloodshed.

² The prophet in question was White Cloud, head of the Winnebago tribe.

~FEATURE ARTICLE~

BEAUTIFUL BEATRICE, by Jeanette Jones

My mother had often told me about her beautiful unmarried older cousin, Beatrice Lareau, who had died in 1918 due to the complications of childbirth. My mother's old-wives'-tale description of this childbirth complication went something like this: "She wrapped herself so tight so no one would know she was pregnant that the baby smothered and they both died."

That was the bad part of the story.

The best and romantic part of the story was about her married lover. He had loved her so much that he had had a huge monument put on her grave with her picture on it. I don't think my mother ever saw her grave after she was an adult. Perhaps she went to her funeral, but the headstone would not have been erected at that time, and my mother would have been only nine years old.

A couple of years ago, I was in Denver, Colorado, and planning to visit the cemetery where she was buried. My goal was to do genealogical research on my direct line. However, I couldn't pass up the chance to see the grave and a picture of Beatrice on the headstone. Riverside Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Denver and its office gave truth to that fact. After the middle-aged man who seemed to be the whole office staff had helped me with my basic research, I asked him where I would find the grave of Beatrice Lareau. I immediately sensed a heightened air of interest.

"Are you a relative of Beatrice Lareau?"

"Well, I guess I am a first cousin once removed."

"Do you know anything about her?"

"I have been told that her married lover put a big headstone or monument with her picture on it over her grave."

"Just a minute – I will close the office and take you out to her grave."

He hadn't offered to do that for any of the other people

I was looking up. In fact, he had been rather bored until the name of Beatrice was mentioned.

Out to the grave we went, with me telling him what little I knew. He proceeded to tell me that he had heard the same story from the cemetery historian. When we got out to the grave which was right beside a road, there was a big headstone with a beautiful brass relief of the head of Beatrice. There were only three of these brass reliefs in the whole cemetery and evidently they were quite valuable. A few years ago, the cemetery had tried to contact the families of the deceased and get them to pay for cleaning the reliefs. He didn't reveal who had paid to have hers cleaned, but Beatrice's story had become known at the time of the cleaning. But how had it become known to the historian? Beatrice was an only child and both of her parents were long dead. To my knowledge, none of my cousins in the Denver area with the name of Lareau had been contacted.

He went on to tell me that he did different types of tours of the cemetery, and that he quite often told the story of Beatrice because it was so interesting, because of the artistic merits of the relief, and being next to the road made it easy to be seen. He thanked me for confirming the basic story, and said he would now tell it with much more assurance.

When I got back from my trip I procrastinated and did not write the historian for quite some time. When I did write I got back a form letter stating that no information was available on the early graves. Some time after that I decided to write for her death certificate to see if I could find out any more information. Yes, I did find out more information. The cause of death was given as "central syphilis" with a duration of two years. This diagnosis, rather than one involving pregnancy, leads to many other questions which will never be answered due to the fact that Beatrice died so long ago. I have not contacted the gentlemen at the cemetery with the further information.

Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.

– Native American saying

~ NEWS OF NOTE ~

NEW HOURS FOR LOS ANGELES FHC

Due to a shortage of trained volunteers, the Los Angeles Family History Center has had to reduce its hours. Here are the new hours, which go into effect April 4:

Sunday & Monday	- closed -
Tuesday - Thursday	10:00am - 7:00pm
Friday & Saturday	9:00am - 5:00pm

The FHC will also be closed on Saturday, April 3, for a general conference.

AREA GENEALOGY CLASSES

- ♦ Classes on a wide variety of topics are offered continually at the Los Angeles Family History Center, 10741 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Los Angeles. Classes and parking are free. For the current schedule, visit their website at <<http://www.lafhc.org>> or phone (310) 474-9990.
- ♦ The British Isles Family History Society (BIFHS) holds classes monthly at the Los Angeles Family History Center (address above). For information, contact Dorothy Losee, phone (310) 838-6085, email <dotom2@aol.com>.
- ♦ For information on classes held at the Orange Family History Center, 674 South Yorba Street, Orange, call Beth McCarty at (714) 998-3408.
- ♦ Classes for beginners and intermediates in Computer-assisted Genealogy are offered each month by the Orange County California Genealogy Society in the General Meeting Room of the Huntington Beach Central Library at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach. Fee of \$4.00 for non-members, payable at the door. See <<http://www.ocgcs.com>> for schedule.
- ♦ Continuous classes are offered at the Mission Viejo Family History Center at 27976 Marguerite Parkway. For a current schedule or to register call (949) 364-2742.

- ♦ The schedule for NARA workshops is available by calling (949) 360-2641.
- ♦ Community college genealogy courses can be found listed at <<http://www.ed2go.com/colleges.html>>. Many of these courses are also free online.

**WEST VIRGINIA RECORDS
LIKELY TO BE CLOSED**

On Saturday, March 13, a bill was approved by the West Virginia legislature that would, if signed by Governor Wise, limit public access to West Virginia records. Birth records would be closed for 100 years and death records for 50 years. The text of this bill can be read at <<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/legishp.html>>.

If your research involves West Virginia, now is a good time to order any certificates you might need.

~ PRESIDENT'S COLUMN ~

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“Wolvereens,” soon paraded the Hawk-eyes in battle array, and marched them to the scene of hostilities. It is not related whether these two hostile armies ever came in actual sight of each other. Certain it is that before they came to blows, a parley took place between the contending governments, which resulted in their submitting their respective claims to the disputed territory and to the Hairy Nation in particular to the Supreme Court of the United States, for a final and conclusive decision. After this the two armies were disbanded, without any great battle fought or splendid victories won. A few years after this the Supreme Court decided in favor of Iowa; and the disputed territory soon became thickly settled by industrious and thriving citizens, in place of the Hairy Nation, who gradually left for regions where there is more freedom and less labor, more whiskey and less tax-paying than the State of Iowa was about to impose upon them. How these settlers obtained the name of the Hairy Nation, we could not ascertain, but conjecture that their naturally careless and easy habits led them to indulge their beards to the greatest length, until their appearance suggested the name.

~ O N T H E W E B ~

HERITAGE QUEST NOW OFFERING PERSI;
MORE CONTENT FORTHCOMING
<<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>>

In addition to ProQuest's Genealogy & Local History Collection and the complete U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1930, HeritageQuest has started offering PERSI online.

PERSI, the Periodical Source Index, is a comprehensive subject index covering more than 6,500 genealogy and local history periodicals since 1800. It provides the researcher the ability to search on surnames, locations, and methodologies as well as the ability to browse the journals by title and keyword. There are more than 1.6 million article citations currently available, with updates occurring annually. PERSI is produced in cooperation with the Allen County Public Library Foundation.

Upcoming offerings from HeritageQuest include:

Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files: This HeritageQuest collection details records of more than 80,000 individuals who served in the Revolutionary War. 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.

Freedman's Bank Records: At the close of the Civil War, the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company was the primary bank for America's freed slaves and others from 1865-1874. This HeritageQuest collection documents more than 70,000 bank depositors and nearly 480,000 of their dependants and heirs. It is considered one of the most important resources for African-American genealogical research.

HeritageQuest Online will continue to grow with material from ProQuest's and HeritageQuest's vaults. Working with an advisory board of genealogical librarians and professional genealogists, they are considering new content, such as ships passenger lists, military history, city directories, vital records, international genealogical content, and more.

At the HeritageQuest web site, you can sign up to be notified by email when content is added or updated.

As featured in previous issues of this newsletter, HeritageQuest is available for home access to members of these organizations, as a benefit of membership:

- ♦ New York Genealogical & Biographical Society
<<http://www.nygbs.org>>
- ♦ Godfrey Memorial Library
<<http://www.godfrey.org>>

HeritageQuest is also available for home access to cardholders from the following local public libraries:

- ♦ Huntington Beach Public Library
<<http://www.hbpl.org>>
- ♦ Palos Verdes Library District
<<http://palos-verdes.lib.ca.us>>

In addition, HeritageQuest is available in-house at these local libraries:

- ♦ Long Beach Public Library
<<http://www.lbpl.org>>
- ♦ Los Angeles Family History Center
<<http://www.lafhc.org>>

GOOGLE-MANIA
<<http://www.google.com>>

Don't forget to "google" the names you discover in your quest – even if they are not family members. I have had a great deal of success with the ministers who married my ancestors. Often there will be some information about the church, as well the minister.

Information like this adds depth to your research, and I find it is helpful in getting relatives interested. For example, I discovered that my third-great-grandparents were married by Rev. Robert Lowry, who wrote the hymn, "Shall We Gather At the River?" It makes for a great little tidbit.

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~ **E V E N T S** ~

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

**Southern California Genealogical Society
Genealogical Jamboree & Resource Expo:
Genealogy in the New Millenium**

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.

Speakers include:

eLaine Alexander	Bernice Gunderson
Charlotte Bocage	Leland Meitzler
Robert Booth	Doug Miler
Jana Sloan Broglin	Pat Parish
Lois Burlo	Andy Pomeroy
Bill Dollarhide	Lisa Schumacher
Arlene Eakle	Tom Underhill

Fee: \$30.00 at the door.

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

**Southern California Genealogical Society
Seminar featuring Sabine Schleichert**

Saturday, May 29, 2004, 9:00am – 4:00pm
SCGS Library, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank

Topics: German Research from Remote; Filling the Frame with Color (Adding the Extras to your Family History); Mr. Meyer from Baden (Finding a Common Name in a City); What Is Where in German Archives.

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

**National Genealogical Society
Conference in the States:
A Golden Prospect**

Wednesday, May 19 – Saturday, May 22
Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento

Wednesday morning's opening session features keynote speaker Tukufu Zuberi, Ph.D., who achieved celebrity status earlier this year as one of four experts on the PBS series *History Detectives*, a show devoted to solving historical mysteries by searching out the true facts (and falsehoods) behind local folklore, family legends and interesting objects. If in person he is anything like he is on TV, this should be an engaging presentation.

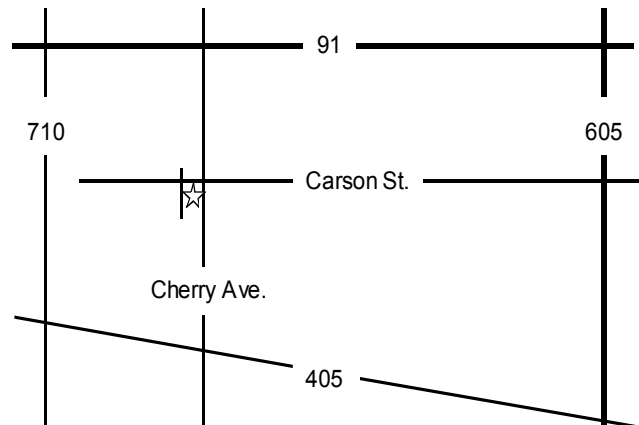
Other special presentations include a 90-minute session on use of the Internet, by NGS President Curt Witcher. Noted California historian and author J. S. Holliday is another featured speaker. His topic is on the origins of California's risk-taking culture. There are also special, hands-on workshops on land platting, transcribing & abstracting documents, reading early American handwriting and German script, and digital photography. Two academic presentations deal with the immigrant experience during the colonial era.

The lecture rooms will have a new look and feel, being setup classroom rather than theater style. A sneak preview of some of the lecture tracks and topics include: census, military, poor farm, railroad, land, tax, and newspaper records; Virginia, Texas, New England, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Oregon, and New York research; German, English, Italian, Eastern European, Jewish, and Chinese research; DNA testing, westward migration, the Internet, maps, copyright issues, and research methodology.

For more information, visit the NGS website at <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>>, and click on the "Sacramento" logo.

~ C A L E N D A R ~

- ♦ Saturday, April 3, 9:00am – 1:30pm. Orange County, California Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.
- ♦ Friday, April 16 & Saturday, April 17. SCGS Genealogical Jamboree and Resource Expo. Westin Pasadena, 191 North Los Robles, Pasadena. See page 31 for more information.
- ♦ Saturday, April 17, 1:00pm. 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.
- ♦ **Sunday, April 18, 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 at right. For program information, see page 26.
- ♦ Wednesday, April 21, 6:30pm. Genealogy Society of North Orange County California monthly meeting. Yorba Linda Community Center, corner of Imperial Highway and Casa Loma, Yorba Linda.
- ♦ Wednesday, April 21, 7:00pm. South Bay Cities Genealogical Society monthly meeting. Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance.
- ♦ Sunday, April 25, 1:00 -3:00pm. British Isles Family History Society general meeting. Los Angeles FHC.*
- ♦ Wednesday, May 19 – Saturday, May 22. National Genealogical Society Conference. Sacramento. Theme: A Golden Prospect. See page 31 for more information.
- ♦ Saturday, May 29, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Southern California Genealogical Society Seminar featuring Sabine Schleichert., German genealogist. See page 31 for more information.
- ♦ September 8-11. Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas. Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference. Theme: Legends Live Forever: Researching the Past for Future Generations.



*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.