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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, AUGUST 19, 2007

12:30	Class	BASIC: Beginning Family Research
	Period	conducted by Rellen Owen
1:15		INTERMEDIATE:
		Genealogy in Rural Nebraska
		presented by Loran Bures
2:00	Break	Time for chatting, browsing, and refreshments
2:15	Business	
2:30	General Meeting	SPEAKER: ALICE M. FAIRHURST
		DISCOVERIES IN GENEALOGICAL DNA

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“ALONG THOSE LINES...” by GEORGE G. MORGAN

Finding clues among the yearbooks

My cousin Penny loaned me the college yearbooks for her mother's years at Brenau College-Conservatory in Gainesville, Ga., a while back. The name of the yearbook is Bubbles and the one I am browsing as I write this column is dated and copyright 1932. What a marvelous look into the past! Brenau is of interest to me because my mother and two of her three sisters attended, with some overlap of years.

I enjoy family academic yearbooks on several levels. They provide pictures of the environment in which my family members spent a significant period of their formative years.

I can see the buildings, the instructors (often dour!), the students and the ways they dressed and wore their hair, school and/or athletic uniforms, the various groups and their activities, and the individual “biographical sketches” that accompany the seniors' class photographs. These bios often contain cryptic or mysterious references to school-year hijinks and adventures. However, they are always interesting for their references to the activities and organizations in which the student participated. They often include the aspirations for the future that the student has espoused. And it's always interesting to see what the person actually ended up doing for a living.

In the 1932 Bubbles, Penny's mother, Beth Weatherly, is shown to have received a diploma in art, and she was a member of Theta Upsilon. The verbiage of her biographical sketch reads as follows—brackets are mine.

“Entered from Meredith [College] '29; North Carolina Club 2, 3; Secretary-Treasurer of N.C. Club 3; Brush and Palette Club 2, 3, 4; Vice-President Brush and Palette Club 4.”

This information tells me that she entered Brenau in the fall of 1929 and graduated in 1932. Her academic records from Brenau can

probably be obtained from the registrar's office. However, this entry points me toward Meredith College for prior information and transcripts.

During her tenure at Brenau, Beth joined a sorority and there may be records at Brenau of her activities or at the sorority's national headquarters.

The references to the clubs are followed by numbers that represent the academic year(s) in which she participated and held offices. I certainly want to learn more about those groups, both from the yearbook and from the school.

Interestingly, though, for each senior's photograph is an accompanying baby picture. Not only is this a cute touch, the baby picture might help identify Beth in other juvenile photographs that other people failed to label.

The senior class wrote its “Last Will and Testament” and other literary gems for inclusion in the yearbook, again providing a small glimpse into the character (or antics) of each person.

These academic publication gems are often found among the possessions from your parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Your cousins may also have inherited them.

If you can't trace a yearbook within the family, the schools that your family members attended may well have a copy in the library's collection. I've also been successful occasionally in locating a copy for myself in a used bookstore in the town in which the school was located. And don't forget to check eBay; you never can tell who is trying to clean house and is willing to let one of these gems be sold.

Family history can be found in many, many places. Don't overlook yearbooks for facts, clues, and a lot of smiles along the way.

Happy Hunting!

George

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QUESTING HEIRS NEWS

REMINDER

September is membership renewal month for Questing Heirs members. You can pay your annual dues at our September meeting, or you can complete the form on the back of this newsletter and mail your check to the Society's Post Office Box. Membership levels are also listed on the back of the newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Chair, Sally Davis (phone 562-429-7803). Thanks for your continuing support.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again!

I'm sorry that I missed the last meeting. I came down with the flu, and boy am I glad that's over!

Our library committee will be meeting soon at the Long Beach Main Library to place our past exchange newsletters in boxes for you all to read in our genealogy corner. Did you know that Linda Artuso picks them up at our post office box and places them in an envelope each month? If you would like to read what the other Southern California societies are doing, give them a look over.

We are working closely with the library staff on a few other changes. They want to have a check-out shelf of books to take home. This will mostly be general how-to type books. So stop by and see what we are doing!

I may have mentioned before that we cleaned up our cupboard located in the church. We have some extra magazines and donated books from that effort that we will be putting out to sell. So look for the "FOR A DIME, IT IS MINE" sign. This money will be put into our Library Fund.

Our August DNA program sounds like it will answer many of the questions I have. I am looking forward to it. See you soon!

Liz Myers

Get Well Wishes to...

Charlotte Llewellyn, who broke her right arm on July 7. After spending a few days in the hospital, she returned home to convalesce, and we wish her a very speedy recovery.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SOCIETY

by Jana Sloan Broglin, CG

Support your local society. The title may be a bit of a take-off on the old movie, "Support Your Local Sheriff," but the meaning is basically the same. Support. Do you support your local genealogical society? Been meaning to go to a meeting but haven't? Don't have any ancestors from the area? Think again! Even if you don't have any ancestors in the area where you live, you can contribute to the local society by helping transcribe records, give speaking ideas for the meetings, or even bring cookies. Remember, someone where you DID have ancestors may be thinking the same thing. Why should I contribute? Wouldn't you love it if they helped transcribe records you needed in your research?

If you live in a state with an active statewide society, attend those seminars and conferences. Speakers at these events can give insight to genealogical research not only within the state but out-of-state as well. Exhibit halls can have everything from books and CDs to DNA testing and information, and genealogical supplies. Many of the regional and state conferences also have local societies exhibit. What better way to find out about a society than to speak to representatives of that organization? Local society exhibits may also have publications for sale as well as a calendar of their society meetings.

So get out there! Support your local society.

A Tip from the Pros in Ancestry Daily News, 16 Mar 2007. Copyright ©2007, The Generations Network, Inc.

SEARCH BY QH MEMBERS CAROLE AND MIKE OWENS

Continued from last month...

We made a trip to Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana. At the local library we viewed the books and found that an Irish Catholic Church was there. The church was being preserved, but was no longer in use. The 1880 census indicated that the children had been attending school while Thomas worked in the starch factory and Jane kept house. We also found an historical map of Madison for sale. From it we located a small white house that may or may not be the same house that was there in the 1880s. We took pictures of the house and the church and left feeling successful.

At another lecture, we learned that the St. Louis County Library had a listing of names for some obituaries for some years on the internet. We searched and found what we thought were the obituary dates for Jane Kelly Owens and Thomas Owens. After a brief phone call to the library, we requested copies of the obituaries (cost \$1.85). We received and reviewed the obituaries. We were so excited because these were the correct family members.

In 2006, reviewing the Ancestry.com home page, we noted Civil War pension records. On a lark, we searched for Thomas Owens and Jane Kelly Owens. There were several men named Thomas Owens in various states that had served in the Civil War, but there was only one Thomas Owens with a wife named Jane located in St. Louis, Missouri. We dallied around and didn't send for the records.

We have been to Ireland three times. Ireland is lovely with lush green hills. We had searched "genuki" and found what we thought were likely places for the Owens family in Fermanagh. We have searched north, east and west. We have done tourist things and genealogy research. We have been to the libraries in Dublin. There was a Timothy Owens in Abbeylara, Longford, that still needs further research. We have been to PRONI-northern Ireland where we reviewed films and books. We have been to several

Heritage Centers with little luck. Even for minor research, one center wanted £185. Most centers will not even look at their indexes. Heritage Centers are for-profit, unlike here in the USA where one finds so much free.

In 2006, we made another trip to the Salt Lake City Family History Library in Utah. While looking at the computer, we noticed the library had a subscription to the NEHGS, and we selected Massachusetts vital records from among their offerings. From previous lectures, we knew many Irish came into Boston and New York. We searched for marriage records for Jane Kelly first. None of those eight records seemed right. Then we searched nine records for Thomas Owens and found a marriage recorded August 1864 that included both Jane and Thomas and with the correct parents (matching their death certificates). Serendipity. Jane and Thomas were married in Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. We would not have been looking for a marriage in Massachusetts four years before the date indicated in the 1900 census that showed they had been married for 32 years—putting the year at 1868. There is still some more research to be done. Jane's parents might have come in the same year from Ireland. That is yet to be proved (another day).

This year (2007), we finally sent for the pension and civil war records. We now know that both Jane and Thomas indicated in the papers that they were from Galway. There are two Heritage Centers for Galway. Our plan is to bite the bullet and just pay the dough. Only if we definitively find the correct family and town will we return to Ireland.

Tuam seems likely for Kelly and Manion. There are a lot of John Kellys in Galway, but Manion is an uncommon name. Maybe Owens and Grahams are close by, if we are lucky. Longford is also not that far. More research still needs to be done, but now we are hopefully over the pond in the correct counties.

Carole Owens

METHODS

INDICATING A RUFNAME?

by S. M. Hughes

I'm curious. When an individual in my database is known by his or her middle name (as in Thomas Woodrow Wilson), is there a proper way to indicate that fact when recording the name? I've read that, in Europe, an underline is used in some official records to indicate which name is the "rufname" or "call name," but that its use is inconsistent. My genealogy program makes no provision for underlining text. Anyway, when exchanging genealogical information on the Internet, underlining text would create confusion and annoyance.

Is there no generally recognized convention among genealogists? Quotation marks around the middle name make it appear to be a nickname. That's misleading. It shouldn't be recorded as an AKA either. I've considered an asterisk placed before the name so that it won't appear to be a footnote reference. What are other people doing?

[Editor's Note: In some countries and religions, children are given prenames or saints' names at baptism in addition to their given name or rufname (call name). For example: Johan Georg SCHMIDT—Johan is the prename and Georg is the rufname. A rufname is not the same as a middle name or a nickname. The rufname would be the name Georg was called throughout his life. In genealogy programs and in genealogy reports you would generally want to include the full name, with the prename and rufname as well as the surname: Johan Georg SCHMIDT. You would want to indicate in reports that Johan George went by the name of Georg and a generally accepted way to do that is by showing the name: Johan Georg "Georg" SCHMIDT.

By the same token, you could show Thomas Woodrow "Woodrow" WILSON to indicate that this is the name he was called by. The "AKA" or "alternate" field in your genealogy program is another proper place to include whatever name—rufname, middle name, or nickname—

the person used. Genealogy programs vary in whether they display (and how they display) the "AKA" name in reports. Another option in some software is to add a new "fact." You can name the new fact whatever you want. Make sure you add the fact to any reports before printing them.]

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"WIDOWED" DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN THE SPOUSE IS DEAD

by Tom Humphrey

Widowed does not always mean that the spouse is dead. When researching my ancestors and relatives from the 1870s through the 1920s, I have found on several occasions that my aunt, cousin, or great-grandmother was "widowed." In trying to find when the spouse died, I found out—to my surprise—that the spouse was not always dead, but living with other relatives or married again.

One example is: my great-aunt Josie was listed as widowed and living with her grown children in North Dakota in 1900. Well, I thought poor Karl had died just as the children were grown and he could enjoy his later years.

Then I accidentally saw his name in a Minnesota census. Yes, it was the right age. Yes, he was born in Germany. "What's going on here?" I wondered. Karl was living with a daughter of a previous marriage and he listed himself as "D" (divorced) while Aunt Josie had listed herself as "Wd" (widowed).

Josie's first husband did die young back in Kentucky, but she remarried. Should she have listed herself as widowed? I found several instances where the woman listed widowed, but the man listed divorced. This seemed to be a trend as divorce was frowned upon.

Keep looking until you are sure "Wd" means widowed.

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OF INTEREST

WHAT IS ISOGG?

www.isogg.org

As indicated in the introduction to our August speaker on page 58, Alice Fairhurst is associated with DNA projects for both the Southern California Genealogical Society and ISOGG. While most of you are probably acquainted with the SCGS, you may not know what the International Society of Genetic Genealogy is.

This organization was founded in 2005 by DNA project administrators who shared a common vision for the promotion of genetics and its use in genealogy. They work to accomplish this purpose through workshops, their website, a speaker's bureau, forums, and meetings. Those of you who attended the SCGS Jamboree in June may have noticed that ISOGG had a booth there.

ISOGG is a non-profit society not affiliated with any commercial for-profit company. It currently has about 3,000 members from many countries around the world.

If you are interested in learning more about the use of DNA testing and its application to genealogy, you can visit the website listed above. You can also subscribe to their forum at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ISOGG> to listen in on the conversation or ask a question of your own.

CONNECTIONS AT THE INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This fall the Indiana Historical Society will launch on its Web site *Online Connections*—a valuable new research tool. *Online Connections* will contain the types of genealogical data (name lists and indexes for rare source material) published since 1961 in *The Hoosier Genealogist* or since 2006 in *THG: Connections*. Publishing on the Internet will make the data easily searchable and open access to researchers worldwide.

Because new genealogical data will appear regularly in *Online Connections* rather than in the journal, it will be published only twice each

year—in June and December, starting with volume 47 for 2007. *Connections* will contain more pages. With extra space, more stories will be shared and historical experts will publish more in-depth articles on where to find resources and how to research, document and write family history.

Announcement in the IHS newsletter, The Bridge.

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

Connie Moretti, the speaker at our July meeting, mentioned that Heritage Quest is available online at home for anyone with a Long Beach library card. The following is how you can take advantage of this source for free.

- Go to www.lbpl.org.
- On the left side select Data Bases—the A-Z list
- Select Heritage Quest (Genealogy) Outside the Library
- In the barcode box, enter the number on the back of your library card.

You then have access to the five Heritage Quest categories offered: Census, Books, PERSI, Revolutionary War, and Freedman's Bank.

Contributed by Jeanette Jones

LOST COLONY DNA PROJECT

www.lost-colony.com

“Are you one of the lost Colonists [of the Roanoke settlement of 1587]? Could you be the key to unraveling the greatest mystery in America today? Find out by using a combination of DNA testing and genealogy.

“If your family descends from the Eastern Carolina area, if your family has an oral tradition of Lumbee or other Native American ancestry from the Eastern United States, or if your family includes one of our “most wanted” surnames, join our Lost Colony DNA Project with Family Tree DNA.” [See the website above for a list of the surnames.]

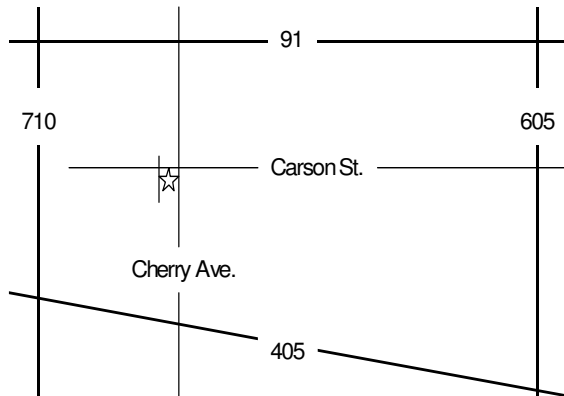
Also, a symposium is being held at the Lost Colony Center for Science and Research Sept. 7-9, 2007, in Williamston, North Carolina.

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 4. Orange County, California, Genealogical Society monthly meeting at Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach. The main speaker at 11:00 a.m. in Rooms C&D is Alan Jones on "Ancestry.com."

Sunday, August 12, 2:00 p.m. Immigrant Genealogical Society monthly meeting. 1310-B W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank. Program: "Family Errors Corrected by Using Records at the IGS and in Salt Lake City" by Linda Stone.

Sunday, August 19, 1:15–3:30 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 below. For meeting information, please see page 58.



VENTURA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SEMINAR

Saturday, October 20, 2007
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
3501 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura

Linda Jonas, the featured speaker, will present lectures on the following four topics.

1. Colonial America Isn't the U.S.
2. Colonial American Research
3. Origins of Your Colonial Ancestors

4. When the Colonial Paper Trail Runs Out
Non-member registration, which includes lunch and a syllabus, is \$40. For information or to request a flyer, contact Gwenda Tucker at (805) 489-7530 or bisbeenme2@aol.com.



**SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY (CA)
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR**

Saturday, October 20, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
City Hall, Saddleback Room
100 Civic Center Drive, Mission Viejo

John Colletta will be discussing the use of State Archives and Newspapers in your research, Erie Canal Genealogy, and "How to Assemble and Write a Genealogical Work That Is Both a Reliable Document and a Readable Story."

Registration is \$20 before Oct. 18, plus \$7.50 for a box lunch. Some flyers are available or you can print one at www.rootsweb.com/~casocccg. Information is also available at (949) 581-0690.

*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 Regional FHC are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. The LARFHC 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.larfhc.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.