

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

The Meeting on October 16, 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 Peggy C. Lauritzen, AG, FOGS presenting on: Memory Keepers

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.

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<http://www.qhgs.info/>
 or on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/QuestingHeirs/>

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Important Notice

We have moved 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 was a success. We had 18 people attend in person at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church while 12 people and our speaker joined us via Zoom. It was nice to see us all together however we attended.

We had a couple trial runs to make this hybrid meeting work out. A few bumps in the road but we figured it out. Thank you to Bob Prager, Cynthia Day-Elliott, John McCoy, Cheryl Simmons, Sandy McDonald, Jerry Hardison and my husband John for making this work. Your help is very much appreciated!

We will continue to have hybrid meetings starting at 2:00 pm. If attending in person, it is suggested that you wear a mask although it isn't mandatory.

Bring your own water or favorite drink.

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions, please let us know at questingheirs@gmail.com

See you at the meeting,

Christina "Tina" McKillip

October 16, 2022 Speaker

**Peggy C. Lauritzen, AG, FOGS presenting on:
Memory Keepers**

There is so much more to FamilySearch than the FamilySearch Family Tree and records research. One of the best things we can leave for our descendants is a plethora of memories.



Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG, FOGS, has an amazing ability to bring laughter into the lives of her audience members.

Peggy is a frequent lecturer at Family History seminars and has presented at Brigham Young University, and ICAPGen, and taught Continuing Education classes at community colleges and The Ohio State University. She was tested through ICAPGen to become an Accredited Genealogist, a credential she has maintained for twenty-five years, working hard to polish her research skills.

She is a featured columnist in *Reminisce* magazine, has written several Legacy QuickGuides, and has filmed as an instructor for Ancestry Academy. In 2018, she was honored to be awarded Fellow of the Ohio Genealogical Society and received the Laura G. Prescott Award for Exemplary Service to Professional Genealogy. She is a former researcher at Ancestry ProGenealogists. Peggy and her husband Kerry serve as Family History Center Directors in northcentral Ohio.

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Member Stories & Contributions

Read any good books lately?

History for Genealogists by Judy Jacobson

Subtitled *Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors*, this book is an interesting resource. It prompts new ways of looking at the lives of our ancestors, and viewing those lives in the context of what was happening in the world, or in their country or their state. It includes tables for such things as migrations, disasters, and economic events.

Although time lines are easily accessible on the internet—I've used them to get answers about wars or epidemics or other linear events—this book reminded me to also consider time lines of locations (Jacobson lists trails and roads) and subjects (associations, religions and politics).

When trying to figure out where my con-artist grandmother was (and with which of her seven husbands), I created a time line with the first column for the year, then one for her age, and one for my father's age followed by a wide column to write everything I knew about them for each year. I listed where they and other family members were living, what they were doing, and occurrences that might have affected them, like the start of Prohibition in their state. This strategy helped me narrow down how old my father was when he witnessed members of the Purity Squad smash up a candy store that was selling bootlegged liquor.

Seeing the ages of my father and his mother next to each other also highlighted details my father never talked about, like the fact that he was 20 when his newly widowed 42-year-old mother married a 22-year-old mechanic!

But back to the book, which has been on my shelf for several years. Aside from getting me serious about time lines, it's fascinating reading. I recommend it.

Reviewed by: Bridget Dole

CENSUS "WHAT IF?"

Submitted by Bob Prager

We're all probably following (or participating!) in the work of indexing the 1950 census, but what if the census bureau made the document more "interesting"? Consider what the Republic of Ireland did!

At the bottom of the 2022 Irish Census (page 23, below the 4th person at the address):

Time Capsule: Information you provide in this Time Capsule is optional and is collected voluntarily under Section 24 of the Statistics Act 1993. This content is protected by the same confidentiality protections as all your Census data for 100 years. After 100 years, this Time Capsule will be made available to the public. This space is for handwritten messages only. Photographs or other attachments will be removed and cannot be returned.

This appears above a large blank space on the page which will presumably be scanned, and then made available in 2122. If such a thing appeared on the US census, what would you say? What do you wish your ancestors had been able to say in 1950?

A sample of the Irish 2022 census is at

https://www.cso.ie/en/media/csoie/census/census2021/Sample_Census_2022_Household_Form_English.pdf



Treasurer's Report

By Bob Prager

For the quarter ending September 30th, our income was \$30.00 and our expenses were \$1,119.33.

At the end of the period, we had \$1,706.45 in checking and \$21,563.76 in savings.

Upcoming October Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

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

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

All times listed are PDT

Encounters – Our Immigrant Ancestors

by Fiona Brooker Tue, Oct 4, 2022: 6:00 PM PDT

Learn about 19th and 20th century sources for finding your ancestors' arrival in New Zealand.

One Man, Multiple Names: A DNA-Based Case Study

by Dana Leeds Wed, Oct 5, 2022: 11:00 AM PDT

Sometimes our ancestors seem to have appeared out of nowhere. That was the case with William Emmitt Hunter whose life before his 1910 Oklahoma marriage was basically unknown. One record—his application for a Social Security account number—provided self-reported information about his birth in North Carolina and his parents' names. But his alleged parents could not be found. Without DNA, this case would not have been solved. But DNA revealed that William was born as a Beddingfield, not a Hunter. Additional research identified his name at birth and traced him through multiple marriages, divorces, another alias, and indicated the possible reason why he changed his name and left behind his family and friends to start a new life in Oklahoma.

When Wrong is Actually Right: Constructing Proof Arguments for Counterintuitive

Conflicts (a 2022 Reisinger lecture) by Meryl Schumacker, CG - Oct 7, 2022: 8:30 AM PDT

Name changes, enumerator errors, and terrible informants can combine to create major inconsistencies in documentation. Records that, at first glance, appear to be major mismatches can later turn out to be correct. Researching non-English-speaking immigrant families requires a comfort level with these layered conflicts-upon-conflicts. This session demonstrates how to use logic to confirm that a wrong-name, wrong-age, wrong-everything record can actually be right, with an emphasis on immigrant families. Participants will learn how to transfer that logic to a written proof argument.

Peeling the Onion: Getting to the Original Sources (a 2022 Reisinger lecture)

By Gary Ball-Kilbourne, PhD, CG Fri, Oct 7, 2022: 9:45 AM PDT

Genealogy Standards 38 and 58 strongly express a preference for using original sources. Diligent researching and a few tricks of the trade enable genealogists to find original sources that underlie authored narratives and derivative sources.

The Hub of the Wheel: How Tracing a Brother with no Children Connected Ten Siblings (a 2022 Reisinger lecture)

by Mary Kircher Roddy, CG - Fri, Oct 7, 2022: 11:00 AM PDT

A family from Ireland emigrated in a chain migration scheme to western Pennsylvania between 1825 and 1845. See how using the standards for researching connected the siblings and their descendants and led to their origins in County Tyrone.

Consult via...Explore with...Discover through...Literature Reviews (a 2022 Reisinger lecture)

by Jan Joyce, CG, CGL - Fri, Oct 7, 2022: 1:00 PM PDT

What if you could consult with genealogical experts each time your work slows? Together you could explore options for new paths of discovery. The right approach to a literature review allows you to do that. Other experts have encountered the same challenges that you do, and they have written about them even if not overtly. These challenges could range from beginning work in a new geography to parrying with a difficult brick wall. Learn how to conduct a targeted literature review, cull the information you need, and advance your research. A case study on use of negative evidence will highlight the methodology.

Finding Henrietta: Reconciling Conflicting Evidence to Reveal a Woman's Identity (a 2022 Reisinger lecture)

by [Nicole Gillkison LaRue, CG](#) - Fri, Oct 7, 2022: 2:15 PM PDT

Henrietta Dixon was never enumerated with individuals identified as her parents in a federal census. Records revealing her family members, including her father, are often conflicting and open up new questions. Additionally, multiple marriages further obscure her identity. This case study uncovers Henrietta's maiden name and emphasizes the importance of a focused research question when attempting to meet the Genealogical Proof Standard.

Hidden Stories: Using Analysis to Explore the Unexpected in Family History (a 2022 Reisinger lecture)

by Jennifer Zinck, CG - Fri, Oct 7, 2022: 3:30 PM PDT

Tales of illegitimacy, divorce, and desertion aren't limited to soap operas and modern reality television. Discovering trails that lead to unanticipated events can be shocking, confusing, and exciting all at the same time. This session will explore how genealogists can utilize the law, conflict resolution, and tools like date calculators and timelines to help build a clearer understanding of some potentially challenging historical situations.

Norway Research with Online Records at MyHeritage and Beyond

by Mike Mansfield - Tue, Oct 11, 2022: 11:00 AM PDT

Looking for your Norwegian ancestors? Mike Mansfield, Director of Content Production at MyHeritage, will show you how to find them on MyHeritage. He'll explore the unique and valuable Norwegian collections MyHeritage has to offer and give you tips and advice on using them to research your Norwegian heritage.

Trendy Tech Tools for Your Research: Yay or Nay?

By Cyndi Ingle - Wed, Oct 12, 2022: 5:00 PM PDT

Everywhere we turn we hear from someone recommending the latest and greatest apps and tools to use in our research. But should we try to use all of them? Some of them? None of them? How do you choose what is best for you? We will go over the research process and help you decide which of your own activities need special tools and which work well with the standard tools we all should use.

Misled by Records: Identifying Adam Cosner's Parentage

By Pam Stone Eagleson, CG - Tue, Oct 18, 2022: 5:00 PM PDT

Pennsylvania and Ohio records, correlated with those of a German immigrant who died in Virginia revealed Adam Cosner's parents.

Colonial Migrations to 1770

By Ann G. Lawthers, Sc.D. - Wed, Oct 19, 2022: 11:00 AM PDT

Before the Revolutionary War, geography, topography and a strong indigenous people presence shaped migration patterns. This webinar covers the dominant push-pull forces and challenges for colonial migration. Using maps and other graphics, the major migration routes by region will be described: New England, mid-Atlantic and southward from Virginia. Famous paths such as the Kings Highway, the Great Valley Road, and the Fall Line Road as well as less well-known paths such as the Greenwood Path and the Forbidden Path will be covered. Using a set of case studies, the process of locating clues in local histories, land records, and vital records is unfolded.

Researching at the Archives of Ontario

By Janice Nickerson - Fri, Oct 21, 2022: 11:00 AM PDT

The Archives of Ontario (AO) is the foremost repository for Ontario records. It houses all non-active provincial-level government records, many municipal-level government records, and reams of corporate, organizational and private papers. If you haven't spent many hours at the AO, you haven't thoroughly researched your Ontario ancestor. This class will introduce you to the AO's MVRs (most valuable records), and show you how to use the website of the AO to identify relevant records, research historical background and find maps and images for your family history.

MyHeritage's Latest Photo Innovations

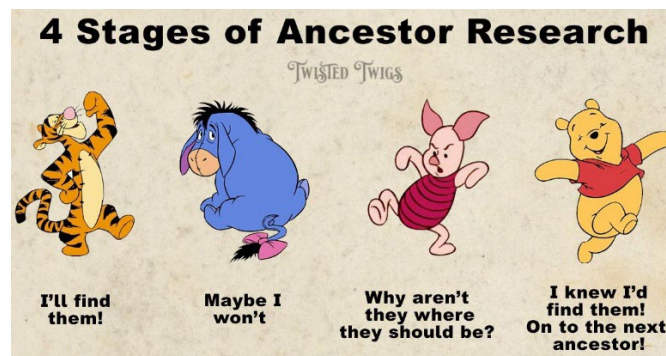
By Tal Erlichman - Tue, Oct 25, 2022: 11:00 AM PDT

MyHeritage never stops innovating, especially in the area of working with historical photos. Discover the latest and greatest photo innovations from MyHeritage.

Structuring a Family History – Class 1 of 4

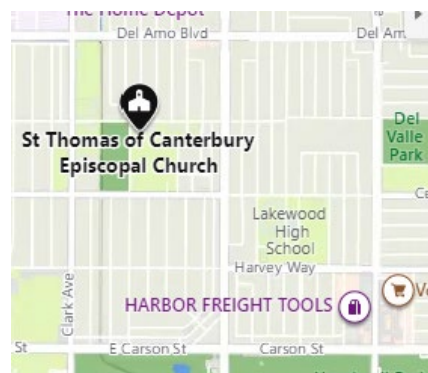
By Carol Baxter - Wed, Oct 26, 2022: 5:00 PM PDT

To write a family history, we must convert our ancestral information into paragraphs of prose. But how do we group the resulting paragraphs to produce a coherent structure? We start by asking ourselves what we wish to achieve. Are we writing a history that focuses on a surname line? Or one that covers all of our ancestors, or all of our descendants, or all of the ancestors and descendants of a particular person? And how do we craft an individual biography? Do we produce a family history that is a group of stand-alone biographies or one that has a narrative-style flow? These and other subjects are discussed in this simple guide to structuring a family history.





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