



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

Our next hybrid meeting is February 19, 2023 and will begin at 2:00 PM. This meeting will meet in person at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, or you can attend via Zoom. Masks are recommended and we ask if you are not feeling well to please join the meeting via Zoom.

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**

Our Guest Speaker is Duke Fuller presenting on: Find a Grave Tips and Tricks

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

QHGS Membership Renewal Reminder

The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Your dues help fund speakers and other activities throughout the year. Please complete the form on page 7 when you have a moment and mail the completed membership renewal form and your check to our post office box at: Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, PO Box 15102, Long Beach, CA 90815-0102

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

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QHGS President's Message

Greetings,

I would like to welcome our two new members to Questing Heirs. If you know of anyone interested in genealogy, please invite them to our meetings.

Our January meeting was fantastic, I think I have finally gotten in my head to site all my sources. When one hears it enough time it's bound to stick.

Coming in March, our meeting will be a Q & A. Meeting. Have your questions ready. There is always someone that can help.

I can always be reached at hammytl@aol.com.

Happy Hunting!

Terry Hamilton

February 19, 2023 Speaker

Duke Fuller, presenting on: Find A Grave Tips and Tricks

Duke Fuller has been an active Find a Grave member for over 12 years where he help families find closure in finding and photographing grave markers. He has completed researching, mapping, excavating grave stones, and photographing the entire Long Beach Municipal Cemetery (LBMC). Of the total 2734 interments, only 1574 are viewable (58%). Much of his work at LBMC was published in "Died in Long Beach-Cemetery Tales" by Claudine Burnett. AuthorHouse, 2016. Link: <https://www.amazon.com/Died-Long-Beach-Claudine-Burnett/dp/1524611026>

Duke is also a member and work closely with the Historical Society of Long Beach (HSLB) where he provides information and assist visitors that attend the Annual Historical Cemetery Tour at both Sunnyside Cemetery and the Long Beach Municipal Cemetery that is held at the end of every October.

You can find out more information about the HSLB and the great tour at: <https://www.hslb.org/historical-cemetery-tour/>

Duke is a special education teacher, a professional woman's fast pitch softball umpire and USATF and Paralympic Track and Field official. He also has a passion for collecting old comic books and US coins.

As part of his presentation, he will be going over: Member profile info, answering/completing letter messages, creating memorials, maintaining memorials, linking family members, responsibilities of photo requests, personal contributions list, virtual cemeteries, favorite cemeteries, issues that may arise, and a Questions and Answer session.

Member Stories & Contributions

Read any good books lately?

NEWS FROM THE LAND OF FREEDOM

German Immigrants Write Home

Edited by Kamphoefner, Helbich, and Sommer

Translated by Susan Carter Vogel

It surely isn't right to review a book I haven't finished reading, but it's a big book (603 pages before the start of the appendix) and I don't anticipate I'll be finishing it any time soon. It's a wonderful resource, though, and if you have German ancestors, you may want to know about this treasure sooner rather than later.

The book features 350-some letters written by farmers, workers, and domestic servants from the 1830s to the early 1900s. Their mail home to Germany provides fascinating first-hand accounts of their lives here. On the back cover, the Wall Street Journal says of the letters that "you can hear America singing—and complaining, worrying, plotting, dreaming, praying and striving." The writings are filled with joys and sorrows, and hard-earned insights.

I purchased *News From the Land of Freedom* when I discovered through DNA that my biological grandfather was not really the Minneapolis store clerk, Charles Dole, but rather the family's mailman, Albert Heimann, who had been born in Minnesota to German immigrants. I became curious about the lives of Albert's mother, who arrived when she was 26 and his father, who came ten years earlier, in 1856. What was it like for them, living as farmers in the German community of New Ulm, Minnesota? I didn't find their correspondence, but I read the words of people like them who were making a new life in a new land. The letters in this book, published in 1991 by the Cornell University Press, record the voices of immigrants adapting to a profoundly different culture. This absorbing social history gives me a deep appreciation for my German roots.

Reviewed by Bridget Dole

Upcoming Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Webinars: Upcoming February 2023 Webinars

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

All times listed are PDT

Using Mitochondrial DNA Testing for Genealogical Problem Solving

Michael D. Lacopo, DVM, Wed, Feb 1, 2023: 11:00 AM PST

Utilizing this form of DNA testing in genealogy garners a lot of negative advice. Learn how vitally important this kind of testing can be when you use DNA as an active tool in the genealogical toolbox. This case study will show you how pairing good research and DNA testing can be the perfect marriage.

Hints & Tips for Solving Irish Cases of Unknown Parentage

Maurice Gleason, Wed Feb 8, 2023: 11:00 AM PST

There are many examples of Unknown Parentage cases in Ireland – illegal adoptees, a founding grandparent, or simply an Irish Brick Wall. This talk explores the approach to solving these cases, the challenges faced with Irish records, and some hints & tips to overcome them.

When a Place is New

Michelle Patient, Wed, Feb 15, 2023: 5:00 PM PST

As our family tree branches develop, we come across locations we haven't researched before. Michelle shares her tips for how to find the sorts of records you will need, what information they contain and where best to find them, when a place is new to you.

Family History on the Canadian Prairies

Dave Obee Fri, Feb 17, 2023: 11:00 AM PST

Most Canadians have connections to the three Prairie provinces, through cousins if not through ancestors. Researching those Prairie families can be rewarding, although it is important to note which sources are common to all three provinces, and which ones are unique to each province. Using examples from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta, this session looks at a variety of resources, and offers tips to help you learn more about your families on the Prairies.

Tips and Tools for Navigating the English Probate System

Paul Milner FUGA, MDi, Tue, Feb 28, 2023: 5:00 PM PST

The probate system in England and Wales changed significantly in 1858. Learn how the English probate system worked before and after that change, see what records are available and why they are of value. Learn tips and tools for procedures which will simplify the search process, whether the ancestor's location in England is known or unknown.



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**Submissions for the March 2023 newsletter
must be received by noon on February 23, 2023.**

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Questingheirs@gmail.com

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Member application or renewal

- I am a new member
- Current member renewing

Name _____

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Member Type: Individual (\$30) \$ _____

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The 2023 membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

Please take a few minutes to list/update your surname research and location preferences so our Program Chairman can engage speakers who will interest you.

Also, the information will be printed in the directory.

Surnames you are researching: _____

Areas of your research (countries/states/counties): _____
