



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

Our next hybrid meeting is May 21, 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. 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 Cynthia Keefer Patton presenting on 10 Steps for Organizing for the Busy Genealogist

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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/>

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QHGS President's Message

Greetings,

Did you enjoy our last speaker as much as I did? I even purchased the Brick Wall Buster Cards. I can't wait to use them and knock down a brick or two off my wall.

I look forward to seeing everyone who comes to our meetings in person. We had 16 in-person attendees in April.

If you have a certain town, country, or other subject you would like hear more about, please let our Membership Chairman know.

See you at our next meeting. HAPPY HUNTING

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

Terry Hamilton

May 21, 2023 Speaker

10 Steps for Organizing for the Busy Genealogist Presented by Cynthia Keefer Patton



Cynthia K. Patton is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and former owner of Patton Leadership Consulting. Cynthia has a Bachelor's in Journalism and a Master's in Political Science, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. She lives now in Kansas City, Missouri and is a Professional Genealogist part-time. She is a BU Certification Program graduate and serves as the Registrar of a local DAR Chapter in Parkville, Missouri. She is a member of APG (Heartland Chapter); NGS; and numerous local Historical and Genealogical Societies. She has written two Pro Tip articles for the APG eNews on Work-Life Balance and Time Management and has presented for numerous historical, genealogical, and other organizations.

Member Stories & Contributions

Read any good books lately?

PASSED AND PRESENT Keeping Memories of Loved Ones Alive

By Allison Gilbert

On March 30th I attended a Zoom presentation, “The Challenges and Rewards of Researching Women for Writing and Family History,” put on by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. Did anyone else from *Questing Heirs* attend? As soon as I signed up, they mailed me the speakers’ latest books, biographies of newspaper columnist Elsie Robinson and African American entrepreneur Madam C.J. Walker.

I especially enjoyed the writing of Robinson biographer, Allison Gilbert, and then found another book of hers I’d like to share with you.

Passed and Present is about preserving memories of relatives and friends who have passed away. But I also found it filled with wonderful ideas that can be applied by genealogists to keep our ancestors present in our lives, too.

After the introduction, this book provides 85 one-to-three-page chapters with great *Forget Me Not* suggestions. Aside from tips on creating work-of-the-art shadow boxes and decorating photo frames, it promotes travel to tie us to those no longer with us. One woman who never met her grandfather, retraced a trip he’d made to Europe almost eight decades earlier, and took photos of herself in the same spots he had. She used the sets of photos side by side to make a travelogue.

Admittedly, some of Gilbert’s here-and-now suggestions might not be embraced by a preserve-the-past archivist, such as the one to leave original family letters in a basket on the coffee table, or the proposal to break old teacups to make into bracelets. But they may be perfect for those healing from a recent loss. And Gilbert provides the website of the woman who can help you with the bracelets, as well as a place that can transfer your great-grandmother’s handwritten recipe onto a cake plate.

Although I’m not planning on breaking any teacups, this book got me thinking about new ways to commemorate my ancestors, and meaningful things I can do with heirlooms that were passed down to me. It’s a helpful and inspiring book.

Reviewed by Bridget Dole

Upcoming Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free May 2023 Webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

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

All times listed are PDT

Convicts: From Trial to Freedom

Kerry Farmer, Tue, May 2, 2023: 7:00 PM PDT

Convicts are amongst the best documented Australian early settlers. Learn how you can follow the passage of convict ancestors from the initial reports of their crimes, through trial and transportation and the documentation of their period as a convict in an Australian colony.

Using Multiple WATO Analyses to Break Through A Brick Wall

Maurice Gleeson, Wed, May 3, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Maurice Gleeson has been experimenting with Multiple WATO (What Are The Odds) Analyses as a technique to break through Brick Walls in family trees at the 1750-1800 timepoint. With Multiple WATO Analyses, all possible scenarios for an ancestral relationship are explored (hence the "multiple" in the title). So if there are 3 individuals born about the same time, the various scenarios to explore are: 1. are they all brothers? 2. are they all half-brothers? 3. are two brothers and the third a 1st cousin to the other two? 4. are two half-brothers and the third a 1st cousin? 5. are they all 1st cousins? etc. etc. etc. And each scenario above is assessed from the perspective of all descendants involved in the analysis ... so if there are 10 Scenarios and 8 descendants there will be 28 pair-wise comparisons in each scenario so 280 comparisons in total. Maurice will present several examples of how this technique has been used in practice to break thru Irish Brick Walls.

A Military Heritage: Finding Your British Army Lineage In Pre-20th Century Records

Cathie Sherwood, Wed, May 10, 2023: 5:00 PM PDT

Many Australians will have a soldier or sailor somewhere in their family tree, particularly from the 20th century onwards. Finding those ancestors who served in Australian contingents during World War One or Two for example, is a relatively straightforward process, mainly because the records are mostly available in Australian archives. However, once the search moves back into the 19th or 18th century, then it can become a more complicated puzzle. This presentation provides an overview of the military history of Europe during the 19th and 18th centuries and outlines the range of records which are available, such as those at The National Archives (UK) in particular as well as Australian archives and military museums and an increasing number of online resources. The wealth of detail will help reveal the life of your military ancestor and may even be able to take your research back into the 18th century.

Spies, Slackers, and Aliens: Records of the American Protective League

Michael L. Strauss, AG, Fri, May 12, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Organized in Chicago, IL in 1917 by citizens who believed the United States Department of Justice was understaffed and not up to the task of fighting against espionage. They grew to a volunteer force of more than 250,000 members. The APL was given absolute power to stop ordinary citizens in the streets by checking whether men were legally registered for draft, or were sympathetic to the Germans, or those unregistered aliens living in the United States. Long believed to be a pseudo-patriotic organization. The APL documented both members and their activities in rich genealogical and historical details at the time the United States entered World War I.

Name Changes and the Law

Judy Russell, JD, CD, CGL, Tue, May 16, 2023: 5:00 PM PDT

Names weren't changed at Ellis Island, but in courts, legislatures and elsewhere both formally and officially — and on the fly. As genealogists, we need to know why names were changed, and how those changes might be recorded, if we want to have a chance at finding out what's in a name.

Your 19th & 20th Century Mexican Ancestors in the U.S.

Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS, Fri, May 19, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Historical records and social history paint a rich picture of the lives of our Mexican ancestors who were in the U.S. after the mid-19th century. A new border, new laws, a violent revolution, two world wars, and changing economic and political conditions significantly impacted your Mexican ancestors who came to or were born in the United States. Sharing a border and sharing a long common history in certain regions of the U.S. has presented situations unique to those of Mexican descent compared to other immigrant and ethnic groups.

Fishing in Your Match List with MyHeritage DNA Tools

Paul Woodbury, M.Ed., AG, Tue, May 23, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

MyHeritage's AutoClusters are a great way to start exploring the clusters of your genetic cousins and narrow in on potentially pertinent genetic cousins, but sometimes AutoClusters can only take you so far. Learn to leverage MyHeritage's Theories of Family Relativity, shared matching and DNA match labeling to isolate pertinent genetic cousins for a research question and solve your family history mysteries.

How Do I Keep All This Stuff Straight: Organizing Your Research

Billie Stone Fogarty, M.Ed., Wed, May 24, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Don't let the "stuff" of genealogy overwhelm your space or your computer files. Organized research can save you time and money and help guide you to the next big breakthrough!

For additional free Legacy webinars, past May 24, 2023 please go to:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

Family Search Webinars can be found at:

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/FamilySearch_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Huguenot Family History: Research and Resources Thursday, May 11, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET Presented by Rhonda R. McClure

The Huguenots were French Protestants persecuted by a staunchly Catholic government. Thousands fled France in the 16th and 17th centuries seeking refuge across Europe, Africa, and North America including areas of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and South Carolina. Join Senior Genealogist Rhonda R. McClure to learn more about these religious refugees, where they came from and where they settled in America, and how to research them using several published resources.

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/huguenot-family-history-research-and-resources>

Getting Started in Lithuanian Family History Research Thursday, May 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET Presented by James Heffernan

Lithuanians have been immigrating to America since as early as the 17th century. Yet, rapidly changing boundaries, unfamiliar languages, and late civil registration are just some of the challenges faced by family historians trying to trace their Lithuanian roots. Join Genealogist James Heffernan to gain a better understanding of the waves of immigration to the United States, what types of records exist, and how to get started in Lithuanian family history research.

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