

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

Our next hybrid meeting is June 18, 2023 and will begin at 2:00 PM. This meeting will be 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.

Our Guest Speaker is Cheri Mello with a Topic To Be Determined

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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QHGS President's Message

Greetings,

May 29, 2023 was Memorial Day and as I was reflecting on those who served in my family I wish I could sit and have a chat with them. Some never came home, some came home broken, others were lucky to come back to make a home and have family. Thanks to all who served.

In planning ahead QHGS will be having picnic in the park for our July 16, 2023 meeting. As this will be an outdoor event we hope that you make plans to come and enjoy. Hope to see you in person.

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

Happy Hunting

Terry Hamilton

June 18, 2023 Speaker

**Topic to Be Determined
Presented by Cheri Mello**



Cheri Mello began dabbling in genealogy as a 5th grader with a U.S. History assignment. She began her active adult research over 30 years ago, after the death of her grandparents. Her expertise ranges from various areas of America and Portugal, as well as DNA, genealogy software, Find A Grave, and more.

Member Stories & Contributions

Read any good books lately?

Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records By Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, FGSP

This book, put out by the Genealogical Publishing Company and updated in 2016, has a wealth of information for those who, like me, are finally (screaming and protesting all the way) turning to land records to break down brick walls.

I've been stuck for years trying to account for the movements of my 2nd-great-grandfather, Reuben, who seems to have disappeared months after his son was born in 1850. Had he died? Had he abandoned his family? Or, had an unhappy wife—found in the next census living with her younger brother—kicked him out? Although the answers to the last two questions won't likely be revealed, documents show Reuben's wife Hannah was married five times, so she was either very unlucky in love, or her spouses were.

I'd mostly searched within my comfort zone—birth, marriage, death, military, newspaper, and census records—until a researcher in Ashtabula County, Ohio, found a quit claim Reuben signed in 1854, which assured me that his marriage wasn't an until-death-do-us-part scenario.

To delve deeper, I'm turning to *Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records*, which includes the whys, where's and how's of researching these valuable resources. Although the historical content and in-depth information will satisfy advanced genealogists, the material is easily accessible to those of us just starting to dig into land records. The book is well written, easy to follow and contains lots of examples, as well as a 16-page glossary. Hopefully, Hatcher's advice will help me unearth more about Reuben.

Note: This is the updated 2016 edition which states it “has been reviewed for obsolete references and information, which have been deleted or revised. Some references have been added.” It can be purchased from the publisher at genealogical.com. I did not buy my copy from Amazon, which appears to be selling an older edition.

I wish you Happy Summer Reading. I'll have more book reviews for you in the Fall.

Bridget Dole

Upcoming Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free June 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

Discovering More From Your Next Generation Sequence (NGS | Big Y) Test

Mags Gaulden, Wed, Jun 7, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

For years researchers have been identifying family history using YDNA, especially those interested in where their specific line may originate. Upgrading to a next Generation Sequence test (NGS) can help bring information that could be 200k years old into a more workable timeframe is what these tests are all about (and then some). We will take a look at the NGS test at the tools for discovery available today and apply them in a case study.

The Top 10 DNA Features on MyHeritage

Richard Hill, Tue, Jun 13, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Author and speaker Richard Hill, founder of the DNAFavorites.com website, will review his ten favorite DNA features included with the MyHeritage DNA test. He will show how these features support the basic functions of genetic genealogy, including (1) finding previously unknown relatives, (2) identifying the common ancestors responsible for our genetic matches, and (3) estimating the mix of ethnicities inherited from our ancestors. Using examples from his personal account, Richard will demonstrate these features and show how they can be used productively by genealogists, adoptees, and anyone curious about their family history or ethnic background.

Ready or Not: Strategies to Discover Ancestors Playing Hide and Seek

Francine Crowley Griffis, CG, Wed, Jun 14, 2023: 5:00 PM PDT

Successful researchers carefully mine sources, correlate, and analyze extracted information to solve research problems. Identifying a research subject that materializes or disappears from thin air is challenging, but careful attention to detail may help researchers overcome frustration. This lecture will use mini-case studies to outline strategies.

Finding Your Ancestors in Canadian Land Records

Tara Shymanski, Fri, Jun 16, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Canadian land records contain valuable genealogy information but can be tricky to find. This practical presentation will give you instructions for finding these records. Using case studies, you'll learn where to look for land records in Canada, the intricacies in finding them, and what information they may contain.

Finding Your One Among Millions: Methods and Tips for Urban Research, a New York City Case Study

Amy Larner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL, Tue, Jun 20, 2023: 5:00 PM PDT

Family history research in a large city can be richly rewarding as urban centers typically kept better records. However, when it is your ancestor who does not appear in the vital records, how do you find them? Searching among the plethora of people in a city such as New York can be challenging. This presentation will give attendees some ways to navigate research in urban areas using a case study in 19th-century New York City to illustrate the methods.

Greece's Top 5 Types of Genealogy Records

Gregory Kontos, Wed, Jun 21, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Genealogy research in Greece is sometimes hard, yes, but with a good knowledge of the different types of records available, one can overcome several challenges! This webinar will teach you everything you need to know about the most important types of Greek records: what to look for, where to find, how to analyze & how to use!

A Fresh Light on Old Newspapers

Dave Obee, Wed, Jun 28, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Researching in old newspapers no longer means sitting at a microfilm reader for hours on end, winding through a seemingly endless string of news stories and advertisements. Today, the results we seek could be a matter of minutes away, thanks to the many digitization projects that have placed millions of newspaper pages on the Internet. But what are the pitfalls? This presentation takes you through the digitization process, from hard copy to your computer screen. It is designed to help you achieve the best results from your work. (Note: Dave Obee has worked in newspapers for 50 years, has researched with them for 50 years, and has been behind a major digitization project. This talk draws from real experience.)

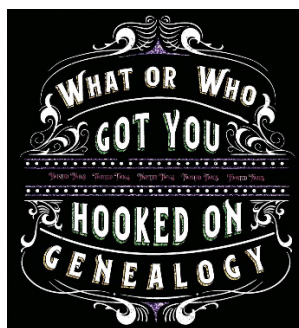
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Family Search Webinars can be found at:

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

Tell us what or who got you hooked on genealogy and we will post it in our next edition. You can reach out to me at tamparoots@gmail.com.





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