



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

Hybrid meeting: March 17, 2024 beginning at 2:00 PM

**St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church
or attend via Zoom**

**Masks are recommended and if you're not feeling well,
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
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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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Our Guest Speaker is Michelle Leonard

PRESENTING: YOUR SCOTTISH FAMILY HISTORY ONLINE

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QHGS President's Message Bob Prager



Did you enjoy Dr. Ryan's presentation of unusual Irish genealogical sources at our February meeting? I knew about the list of holders of dog licenses, but some of the other lists... I'm looking forward to March's presentation on Scottish genealogy!

I don't know how many of you subscribe to Sara Cochran's mailing list (The Skeleton Whisperer – she's spoken at QH a number of times). In one of her recent emails, she provided a link to the RootsTech Relative Finder so we could find out if and how we're related. (It uses the FamilySearch tree to find connections.)

So I tried it – and lo and behold, we're related! (At least according to the FamilySearch tree...) We're tenth cousins, once removed! Our most recent common ancestors are a married couple from Somerset, England: William Gillett (1574-1641) and Habiathia Pye (1578-1681). I knew nothing about these two – her listed age at death is remarkable, and where on earth did that first name come from? -- but since I was curious, I had to see what I could find. I found some comments -- someone stated that her last name was really Tyes – Pye was apparently a misreading of her name on a marriage record. Someone else said "Habiathia is not a real name. In the 1623 will of William Tyes, she is listed as 'Abia', which IS a real name and has a biblical origin. The name 'Abia' may have been transmuted as 'Habiah' in records.



Michelle Leonard presenting: Online Sources for Scottish Genealogy Research

Michelle Leonard is a professional genealogist, DNA Detective, freelance researcher, speaker, author and historian. She has extensive experience both in the traditional and genetic genealogy spheres and runs her own genealogy and DNA consultancy business [Genes & Genealogy](#).

She specializes in the use of DNA testing for genealogical purposes and, in particular, solving all manner of unknown parentage and unknown ancestor mysteries using a combination of DNA results analysis and conventional research methodologies. Her business also focuses on utilizing DNA testing to verify and enhance family trees and the teaching of genetic genealogy techniques via a variety of mediums.



Upcoming 2024 Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>
to register for these and other monthly free live webinars

Top 10 Digital Repositories for Mexican Research

Lisa Medina - Fri, March 15, 2024: 11:00 AM PDT

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/top-10-digital-repositories-for-mexican-research/>

In this presentation, we will explore the top 10 websites for researching your Mexican ancestors, including where to find digitized original records, catalogs, regional histories, and much more from national and regional repositories.

7 Tips for Using AI as Your Genealogy Assistant

Dana Leeds - Wed, March 20, 2024: 11:00 AM PDT

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/7-tips-for-using-ai-as-your-genealogy-assistant/>

Imagine a smart, intuitive companion by your side, eager to transcribe records, extract vital information, and even visualize your ancestral stories. Whether you're new to AI or already familiar with its capabilities, this talk is designed to highlight the incredible potential of AI in genealogy. From organizing vast amounts of data to offering creative research insights, AI is like a dedicated friend and employee, always ready to assist, teach, and inspire. Join us to discover how AI can transform your genealogical journey, making it more efficient, insightful, and collaborative.

Which Hans Jensen is Mine? Navigating Patronymics in Scandinavian Research

Jenny Hansen, AG, AGL - Wed, March 27, 2024: 11:00 AM PDT

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/which-hans-jensen-is-mine-navigating-patronymics-in-scandinavian-research/>

The majority of ancestral Scandinavians shared a small number of given names and surnames. Following ancestors without becoming mixed up in the patronymic pot can be a challenge. This webinar will provide guidance for focusing on your ancestor and eliminating other possible family lines. We will answer the most common questions regarding ancestral patronymics: what are they? why are they used? and how do I follow my family and not the neighbors?

Non-Conformism in England and Wales

Jenny Joyce - Tues, Apr 2, 2024: 6:00 PM PDT

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/non-conformism-in-england-and-wales/>

Do you know the difference between a Peculiar Baptist and an Anabaptist? What types of records the Quakers kept? What the Puritans believed? Understanding the background to and the beliefs of the multitude of non-conformist churches can give us an insight into our ancestors' lives.

Learning what records the various groups kept can give us a new lead for our research, or prevent us looking for records that never existed in the first place. This talk will not only tackle those questions, but also give a history of many of the non-conformist churches that existed in England and Wales.

For additional free webinars, go to: <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

 Do you have a FamilySearch account? It is FREE! Many resources that are on Ancestry.com (a paid site) are also available on FamilySearch. QH President Bob Prager mentioned the RootsTech Relative Finder (see above) and that he was related to Sara Cochran.

I received an email a few days ago mentioning the relatives that I'm related to and the best part - the line of descent for me and the relative. All of these relatives connect thru my paternal grandmother Bertha (Lawson) BARBARO and most thru her upstate New York BABCOCK and related families. The relationships are listed (C=Cousin and R=Removed Generation) so 4C10R = 4th Cousin 10x Removed).

So IF the trees are correct, here are some of my relatives: George Washington (4C10R), Princess Diana (5C3R), Abraham Lincoln (6C5R), Marie Antoinette (6C8R), Susan B. Anthony (6C5R), Emily Dickinson (7C4R), Franklin D. Roosevelt (7C5R), Queen Victoria (7C7R), Winston Churchill (7C4R), Helen Keller (8C5R), Lucille Ball (8C2R), George VI (9C5R), Walt Disney (9C3R) and Elvis Presley (10C1R).

Seeing how Relative Finder shows the connection to the common ancestor, it gives me a HINT of surnames to explore. I would never copy any of these names without researching them myself.

Try it yourself,
 Christina "Tina" McKillip

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 Bring it to our March meeting or mail to the address at the bottom of this page.
Members not renewing by March 31st will no longer receive a newsletter.**

Upcoming Questing Heirs Presentations

April 2024 - Kitty Cooper - Tools for DNA Cousin Matching

Sign up for the Ralph's Community Program and link your rewards card to Questing Heirs Genealogical Society. Every time you shop and swipe your card, we receive a donation. Check it out at: <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>



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must be received by noon on March 25, 2024.**

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Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

Please take a few minutes to list/update your ***top five*** surname 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): _____
