

6 Professional Genealogists To Speak at September 15th Meeting of Questing Heirs Genealogical Society

BRING YOUR
QUESTIONS
TO THE
Q AND A
SESSION WITH
OUR PANEL
OF
EXPERTS

MEET THE PROS

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Clisson, Brittany, France



1852 map of Brittany



Notre-Dame-de-Clisson

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Your Genealogy

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for details



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DENISE SPURLOCK

has over 20 years of experience in family research and a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University's Center for Professional Education. Read more about her at: <http://pastlane.blogspot.com/>

ALICE COLBY VOLKERT

is on the SoCal board of APG and was a researcher for the "Genealogy Roadshow" series which will air on PBS. She specializes in New England research. Read more about her at: <http://www.volkertservices.com/>



MEETING AGENDA

The panel will discuss their profession of genealogy, how and when to use a professional genealogist to assist with research, and how to find someone reputable whom you can trust. They will tell us what to expect, how much it may cost, and what qualities to look for in the genealogist you hire. The second half of the program will be a question-and-answer session with members of the panel answering queries from the audience.

We will have almost 200 years of combined experience represented by this panel, so come prepared with questions you've always wanted to ask a professional. Maybe you need some suggestions about breaking down a brick wall that's been troubling you for years. You might have questions about a particular time period or a specific place that one of our panelists specializes in. If your focus is on the Civil War, ask about finding someone to help you solve research difficulties that are unique to the 1860's. Or you might want to know how one goes about becoming a pro: which institutions of higher learning certify professional genealogists; how many different courses are offered; how long it takes to complete them; and how much it costs.

Whatever your questions may be, these six professionals will be happy to answer them for you during our September meeting which should be one of the most interesting and informative sessions we've ever had.

QUESTING HEIRS

Genealogical Society is a member society of the California State Genealogical Alliance and the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

●
MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the **third Sunday** of the month at **1:00 p.m.** at Resurrection Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 1900 East Carson Street, in Long Beach, California

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JOIN US and meet other genealogists while learning new ways to research your ancestors

Reports and Events

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK • REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Terry Hamilton

I was told August's sharing session went very well, and those who attended would like to do it again. Let me know the topic(s) you would like to discuss in the future. We need someone to take over the refreshment sign-up list at meetings. Penny Nugent was doing this, but she has volunteered to become the newsletter editor. Thanks, Penny, for taking on this job; and a big thank-you to Mike Powers and Chris Elia for creating our flyers from January through August. We also need a Beginners Class Instructor to fill the position left by Linda Ivers. She is moving to Oregon to be closer to family and will be missed by all. Thanks, Linda, for a job well done. Our new screen should be functioning at the September meeting. Your executive board always welcomes suggestions for speakers' topics, as well as any concerns, or comments you may have about our club.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at our August meeting:
Members: 16
Guests: 1

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dave Werts

July Income: \$171.31
July Expenses: \$208.78
F&M Bank Balance: \$2,940.26

REFRESHMENTS

Penny Nugent

Many thanks to our August Hosts: Maxine PITTS and Richard TROTTER, and to "Red" and Connie WILLIAMS for the salad. Our **September Hosts will be** Robert COLLINS ("Red"), Connie WILLIAMS and Kathy LATHAM.

5TH DISTRICT GOOD NEIGHBOR FESTIVAL AND PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 28TH

The 5th District Good Neighbor Festival and Picnic sponsored by councilwoman Gerrie Schipske will be held on Saturday, September 28th, in front of the El Dorado Library at 2800 Studebaker Road in Long Beach from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be free food, games, a watermelon-eating contest, booths and displays from many organizations in the city, and a performance by the Elm Street Band. QHGS will have a display promoting our club's activities, and we need six more volunteers

to help staff our booth. Come to the picnic, enjoy the festivities, eat free food and give an hour of your time to Questing Heirs by choosing one of the shifts still open. To reserve your volunteer hour send an e-mail to Terry at hammytl@aol.com

Schedule of Volunteers:

10:30 to 11:30

Robert Collins (will bring a pop-up canopy for us and set up before event begins)

11:00 to 12:00

Dave Werts

11:30 to 12:30

volunteer needed

12:00 to 1:00

volunteer needed

12:30 to 1:30

Tina Yanis

1:00 to 2:00

Linda Ryan

1:30 to 2:30

volunteer needed

2:00 to 3:00

volunteer needed

2:30 to 3:30

volunteer needed

3:00 to 4:00

Kathy Latham

3:30 to 4:30

Penny Nugent (will help clean up the area after the event ends)

For more information call the 5th District office (562) 570-6932.

Questing Heirs News

OBITUARY • NEW DISCUSSION GROUP FORMING

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WALTON MCNUITY

We remember Walton “Walt” McNulty for his colorful clothes, for the stories of Long Beach in its early days which he loved to tell at Questing Heirs meetings, and for his ever-present cowboy hat and bolo tie. But Walt was much, much more than mere outward appearance. By the time he died on July 11, 2013, at the age of 90, he had accomplished more in one lifetime than most do. Read about his active life by clicking this link to an on-line obituary which was published in the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*: <http://www.presstelegram.com/general-news/20130729/walton-mcnulty-a-long-time-supporter-of-the-local-arts-and-gay-communities-known-for-his-colorful-fashion>

DNA GROUP FORMING

Sandra Hollandsworth and John McCoy are interested in starting a group to share information about the ins and outs of DNA results. John writes: “My idea was that there are enough of us who have waded into genetic genealogy as amateurs, and who have a lot of questions about the theory, the technology, and what to do next, that we ought to create a forum where we can share.... Among the topics that need to be discussed: we have to learn the terminology

used by the different vendors for their products and tools, and how to compare results from one vendor with data held by a different vendor (Vendors: Family Tree DNA, Ancestry, and 23andMe; also, some people have “old” data from other vendors). We will have to understand how to infer genealogical relationships from genetic data. We will have to figure out how to get the biggest bang for the buck after we spend our hard-earned money on genetic tests. One place to start would be to create a list of the specific steps we can take to improve our chances of making contact with our genetic relatives, many of whom have even less knowledge about how to proceed. We can do a lot of this via e-mail, but I think it would be helpful to have occasional meetings with live internet sessions so we can get used to working with the on-line tools, compare real results, etc. We could do a short session from time to time at our regular QH meetings. ***Right now we need to compile a list of who is interested.*** If you are interested in joining a DNA discussion forum, send an e-mail to John McCoy: RealMac@aol.com or to Sandra Hollandsworth: sshollandsworth@hotmail.com

SPEAKING OF DNA . . .

Our featured speaker for the October 20th meeting will be CeCe Moore, a professional genetic genealogist. Start making your list of questions for CeCe, and attend the October meeting to get them answered!

YOUR NEWSLETTER

Well, Questing Heirs member, if you’ve read this far, you’ve no doubt noticed that our newsletter has a very different “look” as well as a new format. Do you like the change? Do you dislike it? How can it be improved? What would you like to read about in future issues? Would you like to have a specific area explored every month with useful web sites and links to helpful articles? Tell your editor what you want. E-mail me at kazootiesan@earthlink.net

DUES ARE DUE

Attention Members:
Your annual dues are due on September 1st of each year. You can mail your check to QHGS, P. O. Box 15102, Long Beach, CA, 90815-0102, or you may give it to our Membership Chairman, Kathy Latham, when you see her at the September meeting on Sunday, the 15th.
Thanks!

Use Wikimedia To Illustrate Your Genealogy

ANTIQUÉ MAPS • ENGRAVINGS • WOODCUTS • PAINTINGS

Modern genealogy programs for the computer allow all sorts of media insertions, and most researchers save everything from family photos to sound recordings in their electronic files. But as we travel back in time, we reach that point, around 1850, when photographs become unobtainable, and, further back into the 1700's, when even grave stones become scarce. What can we do to make those older family group sheets more interesting?

Many people illustrate the records of their pre-1850 ancestors with copies of documents that they have found: baptismal records, death registers and marriage certificates. We all tend to avoid using photographs, paintings and illustrations that we find on the internet because we know that they might be

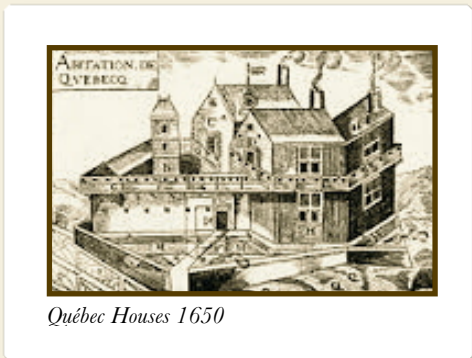


Carpenter's Tools 1600

copyrighted and thus require permission from or payment to the people who created those originals.

Stepping in to help by offering public domain and free-use items for us to use is **Wikimedia Commons**, the **free** media repository on-line at <http://commons.wikimedia.org>

Did an ancestor of yours build homes for Québec families in the 1660's, signing notarized contracts as a "master carpenter?" Go to "Google Images" and type "Wikimedia AND carpenter AND 1650" in the search box. Every image that appears with the notation that it is from **Wikimedia Commons** or **Wikipedia** will be free-use. Maps that are in the public domain, photos by people who have agreed to allow others to use their images freely, woodcuts from old publications, engravings—it's all available at the **Wikimedia Commons** site. Each item has an extensive source page attached to it too, so you can document where your image originally came from.



Québec Houses 1650

Using "Google Images" to search for free **Wikimedia Commons** pictures and photographs will give you endless resources for illustrating your oldest ancestors' genealogy files. If you have a baptism record from 1680 that you obtained from a FHL microfilm, wouldn't it be great to have a photograph of the cathedral in which that baptism took place as well? Just such a photograph may be available at the **Wikimedia Commons** site!

Start using **Wikimedia** today—you never know what treasures may be waiting for you in those free-use files.
—Penny Nugent

"My ancestor Paul Benoit came to Montréal in 1653, but at that date photography hadn't been invented yet. His death record describes him as having been a master carpenter. How can I illustrate his family group sheet pages?"

New Databases at FamilySearch.org

ASIA

[Korea, Collection of Genealogies, 1500-2012](#)

AUSTRALIA AND N. Z.

[New Zealand, Immigration Passenger Lists, 1855-1973](#)

[New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991](#)

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

[Chile, Civil Registration, 1885-1903](#)

[Guatemala, Civil Registration, 1877-2008](#)

[Honduras, Catholic Church Records, 1633-1978](#)

[Jamaica, Civil Registration, 1880-1999](#)

EUROPE

[France, Protestant Church Records, 1612-1906](#)

[Germany, Mecklenburg-Schwerin Census 1867](#)

[Hungary, Civil Registration, 1895-1980](#)

[Italy, Catania, Catania, Civil Registration \(Tribunale\), 1866-1929](#)

[Italy, Mantova, Brede, Parrocchia di Santa Margherita vergine e martire, Catholic Church Records, 1568-1910](#)

[Italy, Mantova, Mantova, Censuses \(Comune\), 1750-1900](#)

[Netherlands, Gelderland Province Civil Registration, 1811-1950 \(includes index\)](#)

[Portugal, Coimbra, Civil Registration, 1893-1980](#)

[Spain, Province of Barcelona, Municipal Records, 1583-1936](#)

[Sweden, Örebro Church Records, 1613-1918; index 1635-1860](#)

PACIFIC ISLANDS

[Micronesia, Pohnpei Civil Registration, 1948-2009](#)

U. K. AND IRELAND

[England, Sussex, Parish Registers, 1538-1910](#)

[Ireland, Tithe Applotment Books, 1814-1855](#)

UNITED STATES

[Arkansas, First Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1945](#)

[Indiana, Naturalization Records and Indexes, 1848-1992](#)

[Louisiana, New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1820-1945](#)

[Maine, State Archive Collections, 1718-1957](#)

[Maryland, Baltimore, Airplane Passenger and Crew Lists, 1954-1957](#)

[Massachusetts, Boston Passenger Lists, 1820-1891](#)

[New York, County Marriages, 1908-1935](#)

[New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists, 1925-1942](#)

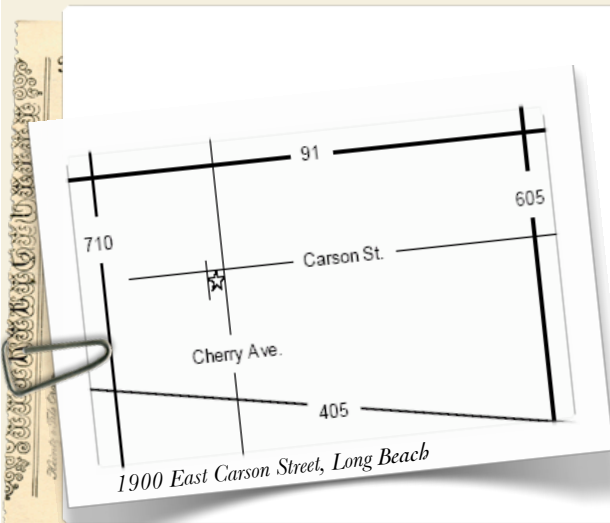
[Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1846-1910](#)

[Washington, Seattle, Passenger Lists, 1890-1957](#)

[Wisconsin, Milwaukee Naturalization Index, 1848-1990](#)

[United States Public Records Index](#)





side entrance to the parish hall

FAMILYSEARCH CENTERS

FSC stands for FamilySearch Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. FSCs are open and free of charge to members of the general public interested in doing genealogical research. Volunteers are on hand and will gladly give you assistance. Regular hours for the **Los Angeles** FamilySearch Center are Monday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 am to 9 pm. The LAFSC is located on the grounds of the Los Angeles Temple, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., in West Los Angeles; their phone number is (310) 474-9990. Their web page <http://www.lafhc.org> provides details of their extensive collection. There are smaller FSCs nearby: in **Long Beach** at 3701 Elm Avenue in Bixby Knolls, phone (562) 988-0509; in **Los Alamitos**, phone (714) 821-6914; and in **Cerritos**, phone (562) 924-3676. We recommend calling the local centers before you visit, as their hours may change from time to time due to church activities.

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“Mary Rose Carpentry Tools,” a set of tools found on board the carrack *Mary Rose*, photographed 10 November 2009 by the Mary Rose Trust; “Champlain Habitation de Quebec” from *The Works of Samuel de Champlain*, in six volumes, Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1925.

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Where Are We Going?

NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WILL FEATURE AN ARTICLE ABOUT RESEARCH IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD



William F. Nugent, photographer

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