

## Learn How DNA Can Break Down “Brick Walls” at QHGS October 20th Meeting (more information on page 2)

“MY DNA  
TEST RESULTS  
CAME BACK—  
WHAT DO ALL  
THESE  
NUMBERS  
MEAN?”

### DNA STORIES

#### BOBBY DUNBAR

was a boy whose disappearance at the age of four and apparent return was widely reported in newspapers across the United States in 1912 and 1913. After an eight-month nationwide search, investigators believed that they had found the child traveling in the company of an itinerant peddler, and Dunbar’s parents claimed the boy as their missing son. In 2004, DNA

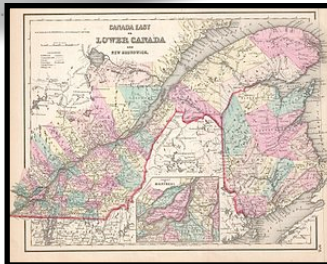


1913 Bobby Dunbar’s Return

profiling established in retrospect that the found boy had **not** been a blood relative of the Dunbar family. Listen to this genealogical adventure story by clicking [“The Ghost of Bobby Dunbar,”](#) *This American Life*, Episode 352, March 14, 2008. *more DNA Stories on Page 2*



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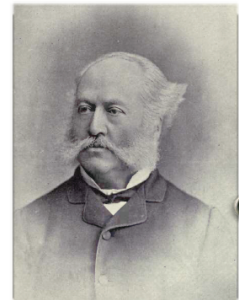
1857 map of Canada East



1901 Montréal Court House

What Do  
Québec’s  
Notarial Records  
Tell Us?

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see page 6  
for details



**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 (**map on page 7**)

**JOIN US** and meet others who share your interest in genealogy while learning new ways to research your family history.

### QUESTING HEIRS

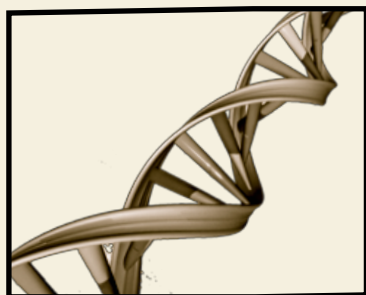
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## CeCe Moore Will Discuss Using DNA Tests for Genealogy

### MEETING AGENDA

October 20, 2013

Starting at 1:00 p.m., **CeCe Moore** will present an introduction to DNA testing for genealogy, focussing on the potential it holds for knocking down brick walls and connecting with cousins. After our break, CeCe will return with her second presentation, "I Have My Results—What Do I Do Now?" CeCe's official bio states: "CeCe Moore is a professional genetic genealogist who writes a popular blog 'Your Genetic Genealogist.' She serves as the lead



'23andMe Ancestry Ambassador' and as the Southern California Regional Coordinator for the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG). She is the moderator of ISOGG's DNA-Newbie Mailing List and the administrator for the Proctor DNA Project. She is also the co-administrator for the Travis DNA Project and the Adopted DNA Project. CeCe's passion for helping adoptees to recover their heritage has led to her serving on the Advisory Board of the Mixed Roots Foundation and as the co-director of the Global Adoptee Genealogy Project." Contact CeCe or read more about her: <http://www.yourgeneticgenealogist.com/>

### DNA STORIES

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#### 200 GENERATIONS

DNA samples from British Columbia linked the 5,500-year-old remains of an aboriginal woman to her 200-times great granddaughter. Read how this lineage was proved in a post by Dick Eastman dated July 22, 2013, on his blog at <http://blog.eogn.com/>

#### THE WILDER FAMILY

DNA testing can be especially useful when your research has discovered five men living in the same area during the mid-seventeenth century, all with the same surname. Any one of them could be your direct ancestor—how can you tell which Wilder is *your* Wilder? Read this well-sourced article on the New England Historic Genealogy Society's "American Ancestors" site: <http://www.americanancestors.org/dna-solves-a-wilder-ancestral-enigma/>

#### JACOB YOUNGMAN

For over thirty years Dr. Tim Janzen had been trying to determine the ancestry of his great-great-great-grandfather, Jacob Youngman. Read how he used autosomal DNA testing when standard genealogical research techniques had not been adequate to solve this puzzle, and how the test confirmed his theory of Jacob's parentage at <http://blog.23andme.com/ancestry/who-were-the-parents-of-jacob-youngman/>

## Reports and Announcements

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Terry Hamilton**

What a great meeting we had in September. The panel was fantastic, and the questions you asked them were as great as the answers they gave. I was thinking about how super it would be if we had one of the panelists come to give us a talk. The one that stood out to me was Eric Siess because of his specialty in Civil War research. I really want members to **tell us (the board) what subjects our presenters should focus on in 2014.** Would you like to hear about **Civil War research, digital photography, California research, German research, English/Scottish research? All of the above?** We are still looking for someone to teach the beginning class. If no one steps forward, we will put it on hiatus for awhile. As for my own research, I found out this summer that on my mother's side I am related to the notorious train robber Sam Bass. Just goes to show, you never know who'll fall out of the family tree if you shake it hard enough! Happy Hunting—Terry

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Kathy Latham**

Members attending September's meeting: 30

Guests: 2

**Our new member: Susan Roberge**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

**Dave Werts**

August Income: \$ 477.13

August Expenses: \$ 359.26

F&M Bank Balance: \$ 3,058.13

### REFRESHMENTS

**Penny Nugent**

**Many thanks to our September Hosts:** Kathy AKAU, Robert COLLINS, Kathy LATHAM and

Connie WILLIAMS. **Our October Hosts will be** Jeanette JONES, Penny NUGENT, Susan ROBERGE and Linda RYAN.

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### Historical Cemetery Tour

The Historical Society of Long Beach will present its annual Cemetery Tour on Saturday, October 26, at Sunnyside Cemetery (1095 E. Willow) and Long Beach Memorial Cemetery (1151 E. Willow). Actors will wear period costumes and represent real people buried in the cemeteries. Tickets are sold the day of the tour only, from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the entrance. Cemetery ground is uneven; so wear sturdy shoes. To view presentations from previous years, go to the HSLB website <http://hslb.org/historical-cemetery-tour/>. For more information call the Historical Society of Long Beach (562) 424-2220.

### BOOK DONATION

**Attn: Ohio Researchers**

Do you have ancestors from Fairfield County, Ohio? An anonymous donor wishes to give *Lancaster, Ohio, 1800-2000, Frontier Town to Edge City*, by David R. Contosta, to any paid member who does research in the area. If you want this book, contact Terry Hamilton by email at [hammytl@aol.com](mailto:hammytl@aol.com) or talk to Terry at the October 20th meeting.

### SURNAME LISTS

Sandra Hollandsworth is gathering lists of surnames and locations that individual members are researching. She intends to collect the lists and put them in a binder. Each member will then be able to see if another member is researching the same area or the same surname. Email her with your surnames and locations so we can help each other:

[sshollandsworth@hotmail.com](mailto:sshollandsworth@hotmail.com)

## Questing Heirs News

BEGINNING CLASS NEEDS AN INSTRUCTOR • NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER • RE-REGISTER AT RALPHS • DUES ARE DUE

### BEGINNING CLASS

**We need an instructor for the Beginning Class** which meets from 4 to 5 after the main meeting has finished. Linda Ivers taught this class before her move to Oregon—now it's your turn! Remember the person who guided you when you were first beginning your genealogy searches? Give yourself the opportunity to be that person for someone else and volunteer to teach the Beginning Class. Linda created a binder filled with lesson plans for the next instructor to use; so you won't be starting from scratch. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, or if you simply want to know more about what it entails, contact QHGS President Terry Hamilton: [hammytl@aol.com](mailto:hammytl@aol.com)

### NOMINATIONS FOR OUR 2014-2015 OFFICERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Nominating Committee will present its slate of nominees at our October 20th meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor, with the nominee's prior consent, and added to the slate. If you want to become a board member by volunteering for one of the positions which will be vacant in 2014-2015, or if you just want to know more about serving on the board, contact Jeanette: [haltjones@aol.com](mailto:haltjones@aol.com)

### RESEARCH IN MEXICO AND SPANISH LAND GRANTS WILL BE TOPICS AT QHGS NOVEMBER MEETING

Our featured speaker at the **November 17th** meeting will be **Linda Serna**. Her APG bio states: "I have been involved with genealogy in researching and writing family stories for 30 years. In addition, I was privileged to work as a genealogist for the PBS Genealogy Roadshow program. Currently, I am a member of the Southern California Chapter of the

Association of Professional Genealogists (SCCAPG), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), the California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA), and the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America (GSHA-CA). Over the last 5 years, I've written and given several presentations on various topics for different groups in California and New Mexico, as well as teaching the Intermediate/Advanced class at my home group about twice a year. I am always in the process of writing new presentations. My loves, in addition to public speaking, include history, writing, and traveling. I especially like seeing how individual family stories fit in and make up the fabric of history."

### TIME TO RE-REGISTER AT RALPHS

In September of each year you have to re-register for the Ralphs Community Contribution program by which Questing Heirs receives a percentage of the cost of your purchases at any of their stores. The pennies they pay on each purchase really add up. Just go to <http://www.ralphs.com>, click on the Services tab and then on Community Contribution. **Our number is 84877.**

### 50/50 WON BY GLENN HAAS

Glenn received \$16 at the September meeting and so did QHGS. Congratulations, Glenn!

### YOUR DUES ARE DUE

A big **Thank You** to all of our members who renewed in September. Did you know that a regular \$20 individual membership pays 40% of one speaker's fee? Increasing your membership level to \$50 enables Questing Heirs to engage a lecturer for a complete presentation. **Please renew today** by mailing your check to QHGS, P. O. Box 15102, Long Beach, CA, 90815-0102.

## Genealogy News

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### SOUTHERN CA GEN SOCIETY

**WEBINAR on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.**

“Effective Online Queries,” by Drew Smith. Many millions of genealogy queries can already be found on the Internet. Will yours become lost among the crowd? Find out how to construct and post effective queries so that yours get noticed! Drew Smith, MLS, is a librarian in the Academic Services department of the University of South Florida (USF) Tampa Library. He is a Director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and President of the Florida Genealogical Society of Tampa. He is co-host of the long-running Genealogy Guys Podcast, and author of the book *Social Networking for Genealogists*.

**All SCGS webinars are free. Register online.**

Event URL: <http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com/extension-series/jcs2013.html>

### SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY CA GEN SOC ANNUAL SEMINAR

**Saturday, October 19  
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

“Settlers, Soldiers, and Overcoming Brick Walls,” will be Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck’s topics at the South Orange County California Genealogical Society’s annual seminar. This event will be held in the Saddleback Room of Mission Viejo City Hall, 100 Civic Center Drive, Corner of La Paz and Marguerite, in Mission Viejo. Pre-registrations @ \$20.00 must be received by October 16th. More information is available online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/>. Make it a **genealogy weekend** by attending the seminar Saturday and QHGS’ meeting on Sunday!

### ORANGE COUNTY CA GEN SOCIETY

Meetings of the Orange County California Genealogical Society are held at the Huntington

Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, California, on the first Saturday of every month, except June and December. The society’s general meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. It is followed by two presentations—one at 11:00 a.m. and the other at 12:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 5:** Main speaker (in rooms C&D) at 11:00 a.m., Hal Horrocks, will present his lecture “Excel and Word—The Genealogist’s Best Friends.” This talk will be followed, at 12:30 p.m., by Linda Serna (in room C) speaking about “Analyzing Census Records.”

**Saturday, November 2:** Main speaker (in rooms C&D) at 11:00 a.m., Colleen Fitzpatrick, on “The Database Detective,” returning at 12:30 p.m. with her presentation “You Will Never Look at Your Old Photos the Same Way Again!”

**OCCGS information:** <http://www.occgsgenealogy.com/>

### IMMIGRANT GEN SOCIETY

The Immigrant Genealogical Society meets quarterly at its library location: 1310-B West Magnolia Blvd., in Burbank, California.

**Sunday, October 13 at 2 p.m.**

“Through Their Eyes,” a presentation by speaker Alice Colby Volkert. **IGS information:** <http://www.immigrantgensoc.org/welcome.html>

### L A WESTSIDE GEN SOCIETY

The Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the L. A. Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., in West Los Angeles, California.

**Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.**

Program: a YouTube video presentation, *Using Ancestry.com to Access NARA Records*.

**Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society information:** <http://www.lawgsweb.org/>

COMMON  
NOTARIAL  
DOCUMENTS

*Contrat de mariage:*  
marriage  
contract

*Testament:*  
will

*Inventaire après  
décès:*  
inventory of  
an estate

*Partage:*  
division of  
property  
among heirs

*L'achat de terres:*  
land purchase

*Concession de terres:*  
land grant

*Bail:*  
lease

*Engagement:*  
indentured labor  
contract

*Vente*  
sale of property

Newsletter Cover  
Photo: Adolphe-Elzéar  
Guillet dit Tourangeau,  
a notary and political  
figure of the 1800's.

## Québec's Notarial Records

## WHAT THEY TELL US ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS

Genealogical research in Québec always begins with church registers, either Catholic or Protestant (or both). The problem with these registers is that they tell us only three facts about our ancestors' lives: when they were baptized, when they married, and when they were buried. Once you have exhausted the Drouin at ancestry.com and the Québec Parish Records online at FamilySearch.org, what do you examine next? **The notarial records!**

Québec towns and counties have no "Probate" category in the FHL microfilm catalogue, nor are there "Land and Property" microfilms available. So where are the land/deed records we all use that tell us where members of our family lived? Where are the probate files that we search to discover what kind of life-style our forebears enjoyed (or didn't!) by reading their wills? For that matter, where *are* the wills and the guardianship papers which we find transcribed in other Canadian provinces and in United States county probate records on microfilm?

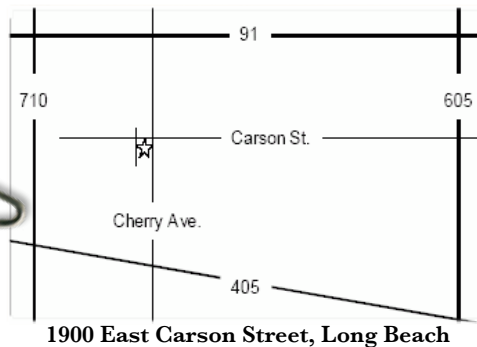
In Québec, this valuable information is contained in **notarial records** because notaries were charged with creating legal documents (*Actes*) which recorded all of the above matters of everyday concern: contracts between employers and employees; wills; estate inventories and disbursements of property to heirs; land sales; land grants; land transfers; marriage contracts (the original "pre-nups" of their time); guardianship papers regarding minor-aged children...the list goes on and on and on.

It's obvious that notarial records are useful and interesting. To find out more about them and how to access them, start by reading the "Québec Notarial Records" article on FamilySearch's



WIKI. To read more about what each type of record offers, Marlene Simmons' website <http://simmons.b2b2c.ca/> has an excellent article posted online. You can find out which judicial district your ancestors lived in by Googling "Wikipedia AND Québec AND Judicial Districts." Once you have found the correct district, you are ready to go to the library—the *Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec*, that is. It's the "NARA" of Québec. Access their notarial records online at <http://bibnum2.banq.qc.ca/bna/notaires/> and begin your search. If you are lucky enough to know which notary your ancestors used, you can find him by name. If you don't know the notary's name, you can search the judicial district in which your ancestors lived and examine the records of each notary listed who worked during the time frame that includes your family.

Happy hunting and *bonne chance!*  
—Penny Nugent



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Resurrection Lutheran Church Parish Hall

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING PLACE

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. [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Los\\_Angeles\\_FamilySearch\\_Library](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Los_Angeles_FamilySearch_Library) 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. Call the local centers before you visit, as their hours may change from time to time.

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RESEARCH IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD



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