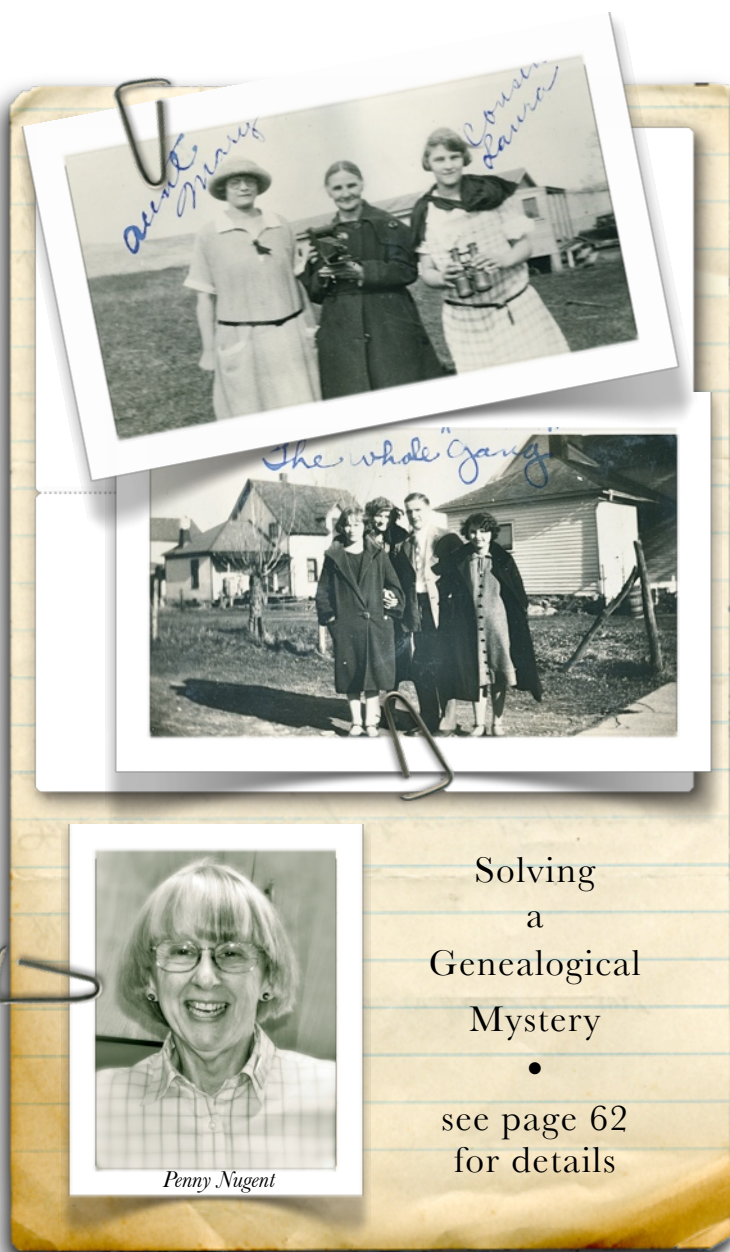


Topics at our August 17 QHGS Meeting:
“Spanish Patriots of the American Revolution”
and “Collaborative Genealogy”

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Penny Nugent

MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on 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 64)

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New and Renewing members: \$25.00
Family: \$37.50
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Collaborative Genealogy and Spanish Patriots

MEETING AGENDA

COLLABORATIVE GENEALOGY

Beginning at 1:00 p.m., we will learn about collaborative genealogy from Elyse Doerflinger. Just as no man is an island, no genealogist should work alone because there is no way that you can know everything there is to know in the



field of genealogy. Asking for help or a second opinion is a great way to learn more about your ancestors. You can collaborate in person at society meetings, workshops, or conferences. You can also collaborate online through message boards, blog posts, or through family tree websites. No matter how you share information, collaborating on your genealogy will help you learn more about genealogy and more about your ancestors, and who knows—you may even break down a brick wall or two in the process. Get acquainted with Elyse by visiting her blog. It's online at <http://elysesgenealogyblog.com/>. After Elyse's talk we will break for snacks and conversation. Then Letty Rodella will tell us about Spanish Patriots who fought in the American Revolution.

MEETING AGENDA

SPANISH PATRIOTS

After our break, we will learn about the role of Spanish patriots in the American Revolution and how to use DAR records to find them. We are all familiar with Lafayette, but how many know that Spanish garrisons in the Louisiana region repelled attacks



from British units and the latter's Indian allies in the Battle of Saint Louis in 1780? Letty Rodella will discuss Spain's participation in the American Revolution from a genealogical standpoint. Letty's love of genealogy started 14 years ago and now covers the present and moves back in history to her ancestors of the early 1500s. She is President of the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research (SHHAR). Prepare for her talk by visiting the following webpages: "Spanish Patriots" at <http://www.somosprimos.com/hough/hough.htm>; Spain's Role" at <http://www.americanrevolution.org/hispanic.html>; and "Spain in the American Revolution," at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain_in_the_American_Revolutionary_War.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WORKING TOGETHER

Have you ever looked all over the house trying to find your keys? You search the same pockets over and over only to come up with lint. Then, when family members ask you what you're looking for and you tell them, your daughter pipes up with, "They're right there!" as she points to the kitchen counter. Genealogy information can be hidden in plain sight just like those "lost" keys; so, come to the August meeting and learn how valuable collaborating with others to get another viewpoint can be. You'll also learn about Spanish soldiers who fought in the American Revolution—something you may not have known about before. See you there! —Terry Hamilton

DUES AMOUNTS HAVE CHANGED

PLEASE BE AWARE

As of September first when our new membership year begins, Questing Heirs has revised its annual membership levels.

New fees and categories are as follows:

Individual: \$25.00

Family: \$37.50

Sustaining: \$50.00

Patron: \$100.00 or more

There will no longer be an Individual Life Membership or a Family Life Membership category. Only members will receive the monthly newsletter.

CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

AUGUST 30 AND 31

The Huntington Beach Historical Society is proud to host the **21st annual Civil War Days Living History and Reenactment** on August 30 and 31 in



Huntington Beach Central Park on Gothard between Slater and Talbert. **Hours:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. **Admission is free.**

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER

BARBARA VANGSNESS

Barbara is researching the following **surnames: Marconi, Cimino, Pompa, and Abbonizzio;** in the following **locations: Chieti, Teramo, and Campobasso, Italy.** She has also taken genealogy classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

FINANCE REPORT

Chris Elia

June

Income: \$38.27

June

Expenses: \$304.76

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Balance:

\$ 5,941.02

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy

Hollandsworth

Our

August

Hosts

will be

Connie

WILLIAMS,

Robert COLLINS

and

Kathy LATHAM.

Many thanks

to our

July Hosts,

Laurie ANGEL,

Bridget DOLE

and

Penny NUGENT.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Members

attending July's

meeting: 36

Our Guests:

Laurie Gilmore

and

Bruce Jeske

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LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Land Records in Illinois,” presented by Michael John Neill, on **Tuesday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. This presentation will discuss searching and using **local** land records in the state of Illinois. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7772534911757198337>.

Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between August 6 and August 27**: “Researching Your Tennessee Ancestors,” “Research Recharge—Turning Old Clues into New Leads,” “Find A Grave—The World’s Largest Cemetery Database,” and “Researching Your Italian Ancestors.”

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between August 2 and August 20**: “Crossing the Border: How to Backtrack an Ancestor into Québec from the U.S.,” by George Findlen, PhD, CG, and “Seven Strategies for ‘Finding the Hard Ones’,” by James M. Baker, PhD, CG.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“The Hidden Web: Digging Deeper,” presented by Cyndi Howells on **Tuesday, August 19, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. When Google and traditional search engines don’t return useful information, don’t stop there. We will explore resources that are invisible to Google—resources hidden deep within websites and proprietary databases. The “hidden web” lies buried within collections for commercial websites, libraries, archives, and museums. We will also talk about the importance of indexes that deep-link into websites online, thus uncovering hidden gems of information that may not be found easily through a search engine query. Register: <http://tinyurl.com/k26tnkg> ID: 105-117-171.



MARINE CORPS RECORDS ONLINE

Family members of Marines who were wounded, killed, deemed a prisoner of war or missing during past wars can now access their loved ones’ casualty card using the Marine Corps History Division's new online database. Each casualty card lists the military member’s unit, service number, type of casualty and date of death. Currently, there are digitized casualty cards for World War II, Interwar period 1946-50, and for trained military dogs that served in combat. Korean War cards are scheduled to be completed and released this summer and Vietnam cards will be released in the fall. To access the online database, visit the [U.S. Marine Corps History Division Casualty Card Databases webpage](#). To request a copy of the original card, send an email to history.division@usmc.mil or a request in writing to: United States Marine Corps History Division, Attn: Reference Branch, 3078 Upshur Avenue, Quantico, Virginia 22134.

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Genealogy Events in Southern California

Genealogical Society of North Orange County California

GSNOCC Seminar Saturday, August 9, 2014
Henry Z. "Hank" Jones Jr., F.A.S.G.

Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., F.A.S.G. is a nationally known speaker and author. Recipient of the Donald Lines Jacobus Award for best genealogical work of the year. The Public Pioneer of New York - 1710 in 2 volumes. Author of bestseller Psychic Psychic: Sensibility and Intuition in Genealogy.

Hank Jones has been actively identifying family lines since the age of eight and has specialized in tracing 18th century German emigrants, having written several books about these Palatine emigrants. He received the 1955 Award of Merit for "Organized Work in Genealogy" and was selected to be a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. Hank has served on the boards of the Genealogical Society's Guild & Association of Professional Genealogists. He was a consultant for PBS on "The Book of the Dead" and a consultant for genealogy books such as "The Book of the Dead" for 25 years and the late local PBS TV commercial. He was a three-day (weekend) Champion and active as a singer and composer. More info at www.hankgenes.com.

Saturday, August 9, 2014
 Fullerton Public Library and Conference Center
 353 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832
 (Parking on Amridge)

Pre-Registration postmarked by August 1, 2014
 Donation: Members \$20.00 Non-Members \$30.00
 Registration at the door: \$40.00 (No lunch included)
 Box Lunch: \$ 9.00 (pre-registration only)

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MEMBER PRE-REGISTRATION @ \$20.00
 Non-Member pre-registration @ \$30.00
 Box Lunch (pre-registration only) @ \$9.00

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES
 9:00 am Registration
 9:30 am Announcements
 9:45 am Session #1: What Business Are We? How to spot and solve problems presented by erroneous primary and secondary historical and genealogical records.
 10:45 am History Break
 11:00 am Session #2: Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine & Other Emigrants. A step by step plan for successful migrant research.
 12:00 noon Lunch Break
 1:00 pm Session #3: Family Traditions: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research. A look at how long-held family traditions can be tested and changed over the years using a case study.
 2:00 pm History Break
 2:15 pm Session #4: Genealogy Today: Where We've Been & Where We're Going. What's ahead in the world of new genealogical technology.
 3:15 pm Opportunity Closing Sign-up Turn in Evaluations

GSNOCC SUMMER SEMINAR

Genealogical Society of North Orange County California will present **Henry Z. "Hank" Jones Jr., F. A. S. G.**, on **Saturday, August 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.** at the Fullerton Public Library and Conference Center, 353 West Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton (parking on Amridge). Hank will deliver **four lectures**: "When Sources Are Wrong," "Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine and Other Emigrants," "Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact from Fiction," and "Genealogy Today: Where We've Been and Where We're Going." Don't miss this opportunity to increase your knowledge while getting acquainted with members of other genealogical societies. **Pre-Registration, postmarked by August 1, 2014, is \$30 for members of GSNOC and \$35 for non-members.** A box lunch may be ordered by pre-registering attendees at the cost of \$9. Registration at the door will be \$40. Flyers describing this event are available on the QHGS sign-in table, and more information is available at <http://www.gsnocc.org/>.

LOCAL AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

Orange County California Genealogical Society:
 "The Importance of Collateral Research," by Sheila Benedict and "Dispelling the Myths and Finding Your Family," by Linda Serna, Saturday, **August 2, 10:00 a.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

Pomona Valley Genealogical Society:
 "What's New at FamilySearch.com?" by Pat Chavarria, Saturday, **August 9, 2:00 p.m.** at Pomona Public Library, 625 S. Garey Ave., Pomona.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society:
 "Using Land Records to Expand Your Research," by Connie Moretti, Saturday, **August 16, 1:00 p.m.**, at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

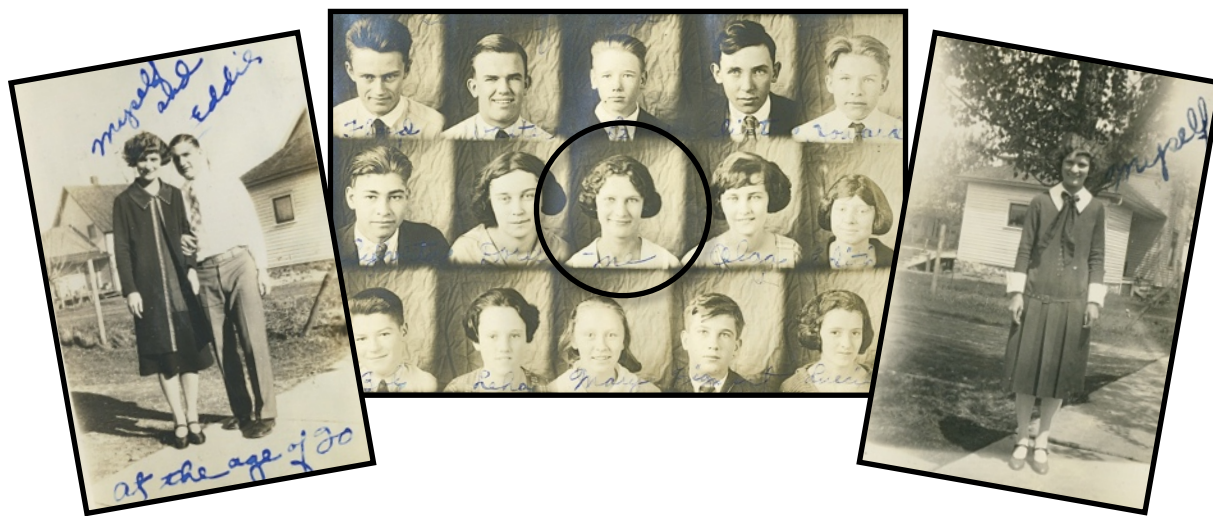
South Orange County Genealogical Society:
 "What to Keep in the Family Archive," by Nancy Huebotter, Saturday, **August 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society:
 "Online Newspaper Research," by Judy Janes, Tuesday, **August 19, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Los Angeles Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

North San Diego County Genealogical Society:
 "Through Their Eyes," by Alice Volkert, Tuesday, **August 26, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**, at Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. If you missed Alice at our May meeting, take a trip to Carlsbad and catch her there!

Glendora Genealogy Group:
 "Across the Prairie: Land Records in the Public Land States—Where do we find them? What is the Difference Between State Land States and Federal Land States? What about Bounty Land Records and Homestead Records?," by Jamie Mayhew, Tuesday, **August 26, 7:00 p.m.** at the Elm Room, La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora.

Member Spotlight: Solving a Mystery



On **June 29**, 2014, QHGS member Penny Nugent purchased an old photograph album at the Long Beach Antique Market. A composite photograph labeled “Class of 1922” (shown above) was pasted on its title page. Every photo had first names written in ink on the image, and, while a few of the pictures gave relationships like “Aunt Lucy,” and “Uncle Clark,” the majority had “me” or “myself” written on them. Only one item gave any indication where the album might have come from: a photo postcard of the Washaura County Normal School in Wautoma, Wisconsin. Using that information as her first clue, Penny decided to proceed as though the album were a genealogical mystery that could be solved. Her goal would be returning it to a living relative, but first she had to discover whose family photos had been preserved with such care—who was the young woman labeled “me,” “myself,” and “I”?

June 30: Because no surnames were recorded on the pages, Penny listed all of the first names that were written on the photos, making tentative assumptions about possible relationships as she did so. Many pictures showed an “Edward” and a “Sally.” Comparison of all the Edwards showed that they were the same person, but the Sally was not “myself.” The most common photo caption was “myself and Eddie” or “Edward and I.” Two of these pictures were of the subjects at age 10 and at age 20, thus, there was a possibility that the “me” was Edward’s twin sister. It was time to look at census records.

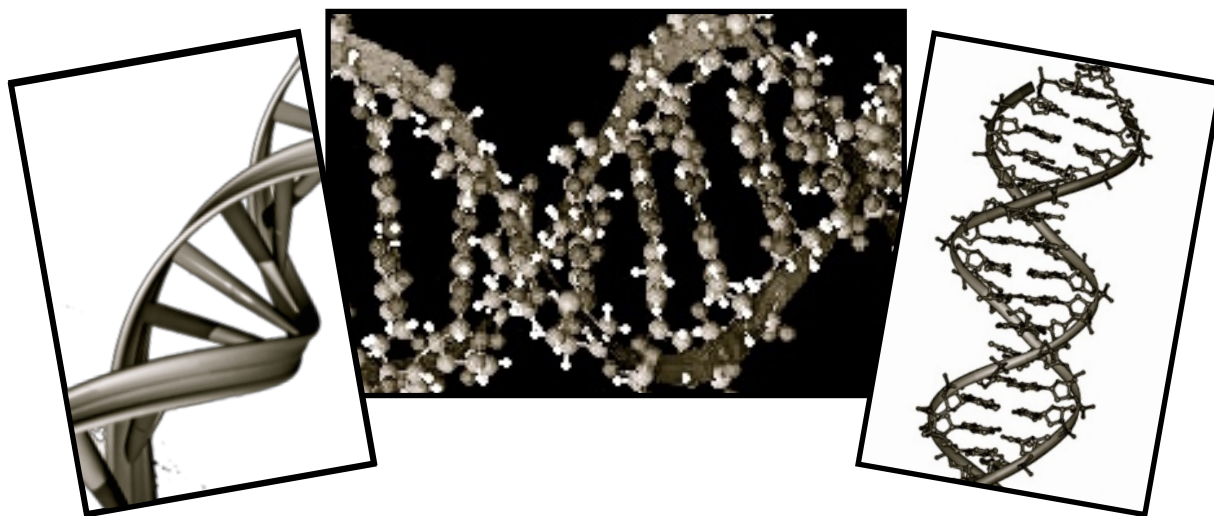
July 1: “Edward” and “Sally” are common names; so, Penny searched the 1920 census in Waushara County, Wisconsin, using the names of “Aunt Lucy and Uncle Clark.” It did not take long to find the only couple in the county with those given names: Lucy and Clark Berray. Nor did it take long to find out Lucy’s maiden name, Ceman, on FamilySearch.org. Sure enough, a Ceman family was living near the Berrays—a Ceman family with two children, named Eddie (15) and Mary (14)! This family also had a daughter Genevieve (10) and son Clifford (3), both of whom appeared in the album.

July 2: Fortunately, there was a well-sourced tree for this Ceman family on Ancestry.com. After sending the tree’s owner a description of the photos, Penny continued to search newspapers and directories for more evidence that Mary Ceman was the album’s creator. When she found documents showing that Mary’s brother Eddie had married Sally A. Thorsen, she was sure.

On **July 3**, a very excited Lorene Seman (note change of surname spelling) contacted Penny; and, after several email exchanges, on **July 5** the photo album that Mary Ceman had created 85 years ago was mailed to her distant cousin in Wisconsin.

Swap meets and garage sales offer many items that you can use to improve your research skills. Not only will you learn a lot by tackling a project like this—you may reunite photos of ancestors with a descendant’s family!

Genetic Genealogy and DNA News



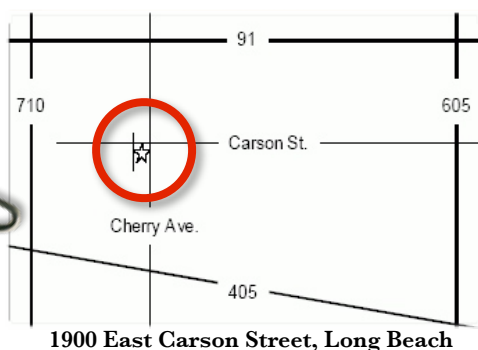
If anyone tells you DNA genealogy is easy, don't believe it! But, as with everything else in genealogy, genetic evidence is worth exploring, one step at a time. A case in point, the problems at the Family Tree DNA and GEDmatch.com web sites reported last month are being resolved, little by little. GEDmatch, a free service run by a couple of dedicated volunteers, has just moved its operations to larger servers. You can again upload your autosomal DNA data from Family Tree DNA, Ancestry.com, or 23andMe onto the GEDmatch site, where it can be compared with data from other vendors. Not all of the GEDmatch tools are working yet, including the "Segment Triangulation" tool, possibly the best way to find specific chromosome segments shared by multiple kits—the key to finding those elusive common ancestors!

Given that DNA genealogy is difficult, why bother? The answer is that, from time to time, something really spectacular and unexpected turns up. I've seen it happen! Someone turns out to be a match at the level of first cousin once removed, and the only possible connection is her unknown great-grandfather. Now we know who he was! Or, a match at the level of first cousins turns up for someone who was adopted. Or, an adoptee finds that half a dozen different people on his match list also match each other, suggesting that they all share a common ancestor maybe 5 or 6

generations back. You can find endless success stories like these. In fact, one of the best reasons to participate in genetic genealogy (autosomal DNA for *everyone*, and Y chromosome DNA for males) is to help others find their elusive biological roots. Adoptees and anyone with an unknown parent or grandparent should take the autosomal test, in addition to following all other clues.

While there is a good chance that your data will eventually help *someone* solve his or her family mystery, the chances that your test results will actually solve *your own* individual mysteries remain iffy. For Y chromosome DNA, you still have to be lucky. In spite of the fact that maybe half a million men have taken the tests, there are still many men (I'm one of them) who fail to find a close match. For autosomal DNA, everything depends on who else has been tested. If a close relative (possibly unknown to you) has been tested, the test will pick up that fact reliably, and you will probably be able to figure out the connection. On the other hand, if the predicted relationship is more distant, it may not be possible to find the solution. You can improve the odds of success by testing known relatives, as many as you can find, and by transferring your data to GEDmatch. After that, it is a matter of waiting for the right person to be tested. Just like everything else in genealogy, success depends on patience and persistence.

—John W. McCoy



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