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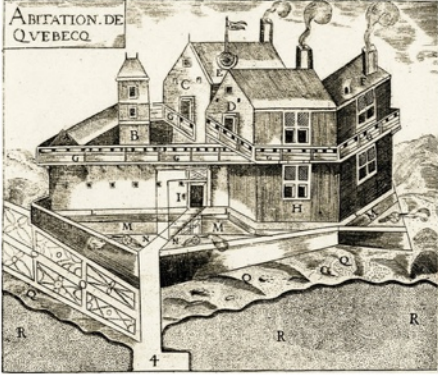
QUESTING HEIRS  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

FAMILY + HISTORY = GENEALOGY

**QHGS Meeting Place Will Change This Month!**  
**Our September 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Will Begin at 1:15 p.m.**  
**At The Lakewood Masonic Center**  
**5918 E. Parkcrest Street, Long Beach**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 1:15 P.M.  
Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Presents  
**PAM WIEDENBECK**



**FRENCH-CANADIAN  
GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS**

Join us at Lakewood Masonic Center Hall  
5918 East Parkcrest Street • Long Beach • California  
Our meetings are free and open to the public.  
We'd love to have you attend and become a member.  
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## OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month beginning at **1:15 p.m.** at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 72)**

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Individual: \$25.00  
Family: \$37.50  
Life (Individual): \$600.00  
Life (Family): \$900.00

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## QHGS

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and the Federation of Genealogical Societies.



# “Beginning French-Canadian Genealogy” “Getting QHGS Ready for 2016”

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING AGENDA

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**

**Starting at 1:15 p.m.**, SCGS past president **Pam Wiedenbeck** will teach us how to research ancestors in French Canada. After our break, **at 2:45 p.m.**, **CSGA Representative Sue Roe** will present Questing Heirs with the **CSGA Publications Award**. This will be followed by a short talk about next year's programs and a sharing session for members. **Our Beginner's Class will meet after the regular meeting.**

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED SPEAKER



**PAM WIEDENBECK**

Pam Wiedenbeck serves as President and Founder of Plans Made Perfect, LLC. She is an active member of SCGS where she presents to society special interest groups. She also belongs to the

French-Canadian Heritage Society of California. Most recently, she has presented material on “French-Canadian Research for Beginners” to local societies in Southern California. She is also an active community volunteer for both The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association and the La Canada-Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association where she is serving her second term as president.

## OUR PROGRAMS NEXT MONTH

**OCTOBER 18, 2015**

Would you like to learn how to use the Find A Grave website to further your genealogical research? **Starting at 1:15 p.m.**, our first speaker, **Dick Humphrey**, will teach us all how to do just that with his presentation, “**Find A Grave for the Family Historian.**” Dick is an educator for the Southern California Genealogical Society, and his presentations at Jamboree are popular. After our break, **at 2:45 p.m.**, QHGS member and professional researcher **Christina McKillip** will tell us about cases she has worked on where DNA was the key to a successful genealogical search. Some of Tina's DNA techniques may help you to find relatives hidden in the maze of statistical information you've received about your own personal test. If you've been considering taking a DNA test but were wondering if it was really worth it, come and hear what Tina has to say! Please note: **there will not be a Beginner Class after the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

## Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### OUR NEW LOCATION

When I said I'd serve a second term as president, I never dreamed that during that term Questing Heirs would become like my ancestors, "The Traveling Dunbars," moving meeting places three times in six months! Well, we've done it—and we've survived it—and now I want to give a shout-out to Chris Elia for finding our new meeting place, the Lakewood Masonic Center: THANK YOU, CHRIS!! I'm sure you all will agree that it has everything we need: big parking lot, kitchen facilities, tables and padded chairs, and, considering the weather this summer, air conditioning. I'm looking forward to the September meeting and hope to see you there! —Terry Hamilton

### RALPHS REBATE PROGRAM

#### STARTS SEPTEMBER FIRST

So far this year QHGS has earned over \$100.00 from Ralphs, and we could earn even more if **every member** would sign up using the barcode sheet you will receive with your dues renewal notice. Even if you shop at Ralphs only in emergencies, if you sign up, your emergency visit can help Questing Heirs. Please take the sign-up sheet with you the next time you shop, and enroll. It's quick and simple to do, and you'll be helping QHGS every time you buy groceries.

### TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

#### ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

The QHGS membership year runs from September 1 to August 31, so you know what's coming—that's right, it's now time to renew your membership. This is also the best time for guests to become members because you will get a full year of "bang for your buck." A membership renewal form will be arriving in the mail soon. Please fill it out and send it back with your check made payable to "Questing Heirs Genealogical Society" for the level of membership you wish: individual \$25, or family (two people at same address) \$37.50. You can also do a little more for your Society by becoming a Sustainer \$50 or a Patron \$100+ too. Thank you! —Kathy Latham

### QHGS OFFICERS 2016–2017 TERM

#### QHGS NEEDS YOU!

Last month your *QHGS Newsletter* featured short job descriptions of the four Executive Board officers who will be elected in November at our annual meeting to serve during the 2016–2017 term. Please consider volunteering for one of the offices: Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Vice-President or Director-at-Large. If a board position is out of the question, consider volunteering to help one of the officers. When Jeanette calls you, please respond with a positive, "Yes, of course I'll do it!" Thank you!

### FINANCE REPORT

Christine Elia

July Income

\$00.00

July Expenses

\$206.81

F & M Bank Balance

\$6,686.31

of which \$2,449.06

is restricted to

educational expenses

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### REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

#### Our September Hosts

will be

**Bridget DOLE,**  
**Sandy**

**HOLLANDSWORTH,**  
**Frances LIEBZEIT,**  
**and**

**Connie WILLIAMS**

Many thanks to our

August Hosts

Darlene Fields-Harris

Esther Friedman

Penny Nugent

and

Carroll Ohlinder

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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at

August's meeting: 40

#### A Warm Welcome to Our New Member:

**Leanora Weber**

and our August Guests:

Nina Gustin

Candace Wood

## Online Learning: Webinars and Podcasts

### LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

#### Minnesota Genealogical Society:

“Genealogical Research Using Facebook’s 4,000+ Genealogical Pages and Groups,” presented by Katherine R. Willson, on **Wednesday, September 2, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Facebook is quickly becoming a favorite resource among genealogical researchers for its vast networking capabilities. With many thousands of regional and surname-specific genealogy groups, researchers are discovering relatives, sharing photos, finding obituaries and breaking down brick walls that have blocked them for years—often within 24 hours of posting a query! This presentation introduces members to Facebook as a genealogical research tool and guides them through the process of efficiently utilizing Facebook for specific genealogical needs. Participants are also given the link to the 120-page PDF file listing 4,000+ genealogical pages and groups on Facebook. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2936895975999047425>.

#### Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving,” presented by Michael Lacopo, on **Tuesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. PDT**. Although most researchers are aware of tax records, they are seldom utilized and dismissed as boring and insignificant. Tax records can solve MANY genealogical dilemmas and should be a primary records source to utilize, especially in states such as Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky, but also nationwide. This lecture will show you how they can help you!. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5664379703628947969>.

#### Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“Black Sheep Ancestors and their Records ,” by C. Ann Staley on **Tuesday, September 15, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Let’s just admit it—we all have them! So, let’s use the records they have created to our benefit—and what wonderful records they left! I will provide tips starting with what you already know (or at least “think” you know) and follow through with trying to prove the story.. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3264061162266446081>.

### LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

#### Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between September 2 and September 30**: “Brick Walls in Eastern Europe,” “Swedish Ancestors,” “Same Name Problems,” “Dutch Ancestors,” “Researching Ancestors in England and Wales,” “Maps and African-American Genealogies,” and “Periodicals.”

#### Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for the following webinars: **Saturday, September 5, at 10:00 a.m.:** “The Great War: Researching Your WWI Ancestors,” by Michael L. Strauss, AG, and **Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m.:** “Coming to America—The Immigrant Experience,” by Diana Crisman Smith.

#### FamilySearch Online Webinar:

“Czech Online Church Records,” on **Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. PDT**. For more information about this webinar, go to [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Online\\_Webinars\\_from\\_the\\_International\\_and\\_Scandinavian\\_Research\\_Teams](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Online_Webinars_from_the_International_and_Scandinavian_Research_Teams). Ten free research courses guiding you through Czech records and archives are also available at <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/results.html?fq=place%3A%22Czech%20Republic%22>.

### LEARN ONLINE WITH PODCASTS

#### French-Canadian Genealogy Podcast:

“Maple Stars and Stripes: Your French-Canadian Genealogy Podcast” now has 36 episodes posted online that take you from basic research to more complex issues of documentation in French Canada/Québec. Hosted by Sandra Goodwin, this podcast is in English. It’s packed full of tips, and it has downloadable show-note pdfs for each episode. Go to <http://maplestarsandstripes.com/> to access it on your computer. Also available at iTunes for your phone!

## Genealogy Events in Southern California

### SPECIAL GENEALOGY LECTURE

#### Beyond Passenger Lists:

#### Documenting 20th Century Immigrant Lives

The Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society will present US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Historian **Zack Wilske** at the **Huntington Beach Central Library**, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, in rooms C&D at **1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7th**. Zack will use case studies to introduce researchers to a variety of historical federal immigration and naturalization records available through the USCIS Genealogy Program and from the National Archives. Topics will include naturalization records, alien registration records, immigrant visa files, and other records documenting lives of Jewish immigrants during the first half of the twentieth century. Researchers will see example files, hear tips on connecting the records to each other, and learn how to advance their immigration research beyond the basics. Admission: \$5 before October 1st; \$7 after October 1st. **Reserve your seat TODAY!!!** The room capacity is 130, and **this event is sure to sell out**. Send your check to OCJGS, P. O. Box 7141, Newport Beach, CA 92658. More information at <http://www.ocjgs.org/>.

### SOC CGS FALL SEMINAR

The **South Orange County California Genealogical Society** will hold its **Fall Seminar, "Search, Find, and Preserve Your Genealogy Data," on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Mission Viejo City Hall, Saddleback Room, 100 Civic Center Drive, Corner of La Paz and Marguerite, in Mission Viejo. **Featured speaker Dick Eastman** will present four lectures: "MOCAVO: Comparing Its Search Engine to GOOGLE," "Find Genealogy eBooks For Free and For Pay," "The Organized Genealogist," and "Oh My Goodness, Where's My Data?" Pre-registration received by October 14 is \$25 (tickets will be \$30 at the door). A box lunch may be pre-ordered for \$9. For more information and a pdf flyer go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/>.

### LOCAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Orange County California Genealogical Society:

"Re-Doing Your Genealogy?" and "Road Trip," by Hal Horrocks on **Saturday, September 5, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**, at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

#### Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research (SHHAR):

"What Do You Do When Your DNA Doesn't Match Your Paper Trail?" presented by Linda Serna, **Saturday, September 12, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**, at the Orange FamilySearch Center, 674 S. Yorba Street, Orange.

#### Immigrant Genealogical Society:

Discussion group and research assistance for genealogists focussing on Nordrhein-Westfalen/Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on **Sunday, September 13, 2:00 p.m.**, at the IGS Library, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank.

#### South Bay Cities Genealogical Society:

Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List will present a live webinar on 10 resources she uses every day, **Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

#### South Orange County Genealogical Society:

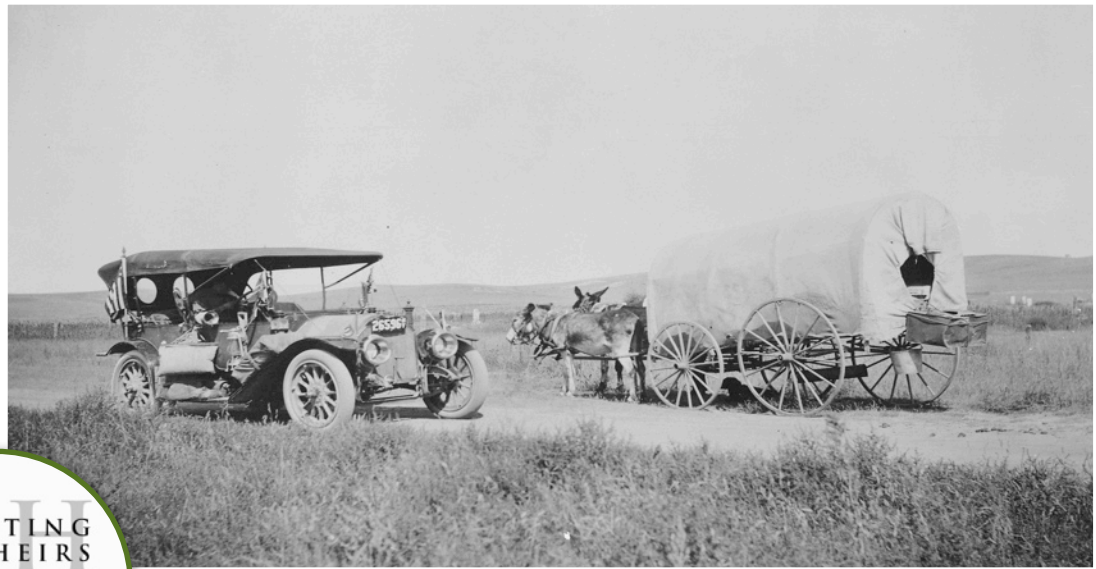
"Homesteading that Little House on the Prairie," by Jamie Mayhew, **Saturday, September 19, 10:00 a.m.**, at the LDS Church Building at 27978 Marguerite Parkway (Between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive), Mission Viejo.

#### Whittier Area Genealogical Society:

"How to Scan an Elephant: Digitize Your Family History," by Denise Levenick, **Saturday, September 19, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

#### LAPL Genealogy Garage Workshop:

"Let's Explore the LAPL Photo Archives," **Saturday, September 19, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, in the Genealogy Dept.-LL4, at the Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles. For more information: <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/genealogy-garagelets-explore-lapl-photo-archives>.

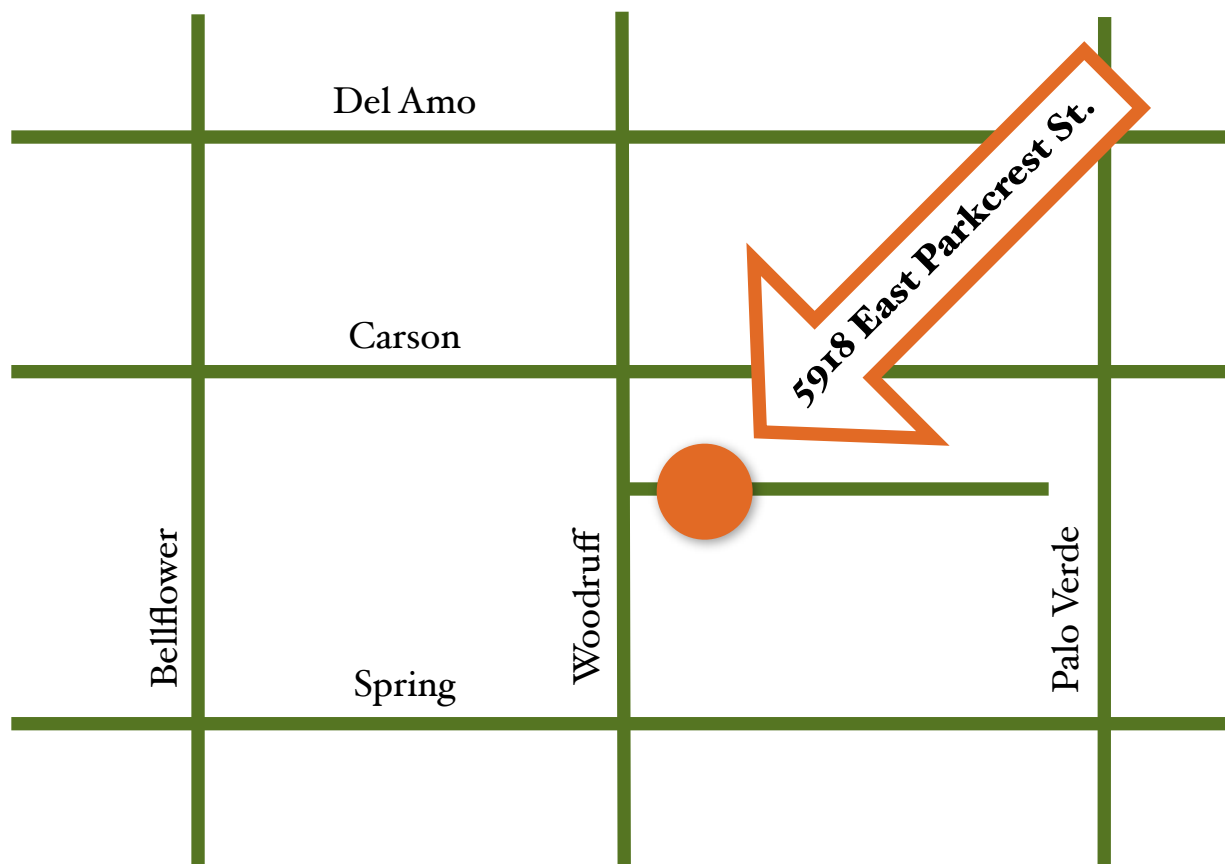


# Questing Heirs is on the Move AGAIN!

*(Third Time's the Charm)*

**Our New Meeting Location:**  
*Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest St.,  
Long Beach, California*

**Our New Meeting Time:**  
*Meetings will begin at 1:15 p.m.*



Please Note: This Map Is Not To Scale

Join us at our  
**NEW LOCATION**  
on September 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 1:15 p.m.

# QHGS 2015

Join us at our **NEW LOCATION!**

*Just below Carson—easy to find*  
**driving directions heading south**

Heading south on Woodruff, pass Carson Street, pass the park, and turn left into what looks like a driveway (E. Parkcrest Street) off of Woodruff. You will see a sign pointing to the Lakewood Masonic Center. The hall will be on your right. Turn into the large parking lot, park, and come inside to the meeting.



## *Lakewood Masonic Center*

**plenty of parking places**

The parking lot is right in front of the building—no need to cross a street or walk far. Our members will enter through doors behind the Masonic symbol to access a large social hall. The doors on the right-hand side of the Center lead to the Temple Meeting Hall; and we will not be using that area for meetings, although we could rent it for seminars.



*Lots of room with tables to write on*  
**padded chairs and air conditioning**

We'll have lots of room in this meeting place!

Nine round tables can be set up, and padded chairs can be arranged in any number of configurations.

There will be room to take notes and eat our snacks, and we will all be comfortable because the social hall is air conditioned!



# QHGS 2015

Join us at our **NEW LOCATION!**

*Just off Woodruff—easy to find*  
**driving directions heading north**

Heading north on Woodruff, just before the park area that borders Carson Street, turn right into what looks like a driveway (E. Parkcrest Street) off of Woodruff when you see the sign for the Parkcrest Worship Center. The Lakewood Masonic Center will be on your right. Turn into the large parking lot, park, and come inside to the meeting.



*Professional kitchen for our snacks*  
**refrigerator privileges**

We will have refrigerator privileges to keep our snacks cold and professional ovens to keep our snacks hot. Our paper goods will be stored in a locked cupboard in the kitchen. We will be responsible for leaving the meeting hall and kitchen as clean as we found it or face a fine; so we'll be asking for clean-up help after every meeting is over.

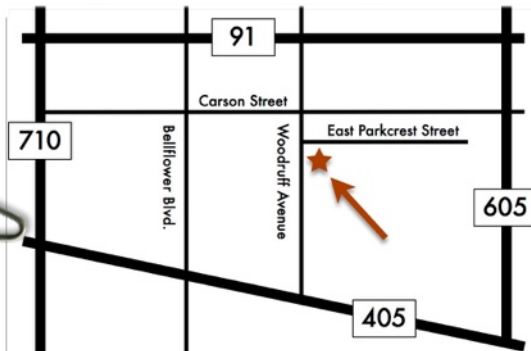


*Pull-down screen for presentations*  
**built-in speaker system**

QHGS owns a PA system which has two speakers and a clip-on microphone; and we will be using our own system, although the Masonic Center has built-in speakers in the social hall as well. We will also use the large, pull-down screen available in the social hall for presentations, and possibly use the WiFi signal to access online webinars as well.



# Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, Inc.



5918 E. Parkcrest Street



Lakewood Masonic Center Hall

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