

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

**Hybrid meeting: August 18, 2024
beginning at 2:00 PM PDT**

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

**Masks are recommended - if you're not feeling well or
have a cough, please join the meeting via Zoom.**

Our Guest Speaker is Barbara Coakley

Digging Up Deeds

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
Park or via Zoom**

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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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Ancestors are sometimes
like our car keys - you know
they are here somewhere.

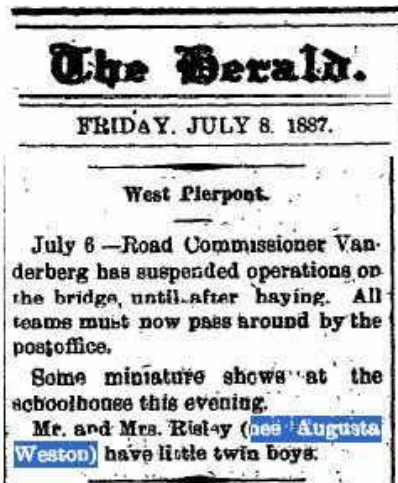
QHGS President's Message

Bob Prager



I haven't been doing genealogy as long as many of you have, but I'm always amazed at the fun I can have pursuing hints in old newspapers. Most of my ancestors didn't live in large cities, so any local newspapers which existed had to mention the names of as many people in town as possible, forcing everyone to buy the paper so they'd see the latest gossip – and know what everyone else was learning about them that week!

Here's a birth announcement of sorts for my grandfather (Howard Risley) and his twin brother (Hubbard Risley) in the July 8 1887 *St. Lawrence Herald*, a small newspaper in upstate NY. (Howard and Hubbard were both family names.)



If you spend much time reading newspapers of this era, you'll see that the style of journalism could be described as "florid" – again, to keep it as interesting as possible for the entertainment value, hoping to promote sales.

Speaking of sales, when you're searching images of old newspaper pages, have you seen the advertising? The language is as over-the-top as that used in the articles.

And don't just use obvious sources – *Chronicling America* offers a wide range of American newspapers from the 1600s to the current date, but it's by no means complete. Look at local historical societies or small town libraries. Some of these have even put their collections online! Pat

found write-ups in the online collection of the Andover MA library of the exploits of her great-grandfather (a policeman in Lawrence, Massachusetts) as he raided those violating the local liquor laws. Scandalous!

Barbara Coakley

Digging Up Deeds



U.S. Land records are some of the earliest and most complete records available. They contain clues to relationships, economic standing, migration, and much more. Learn about transactions between individuals using case studies to demonstrate how to find and understand different types of deeds.

Barbara Coakley's interest in family history began over 30 years ago when she was given an envelope of family papers. Her journey to discover the stories of her ancestors has taken her to homelands across the US and Europe. Barbara is President of Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries and volunteers for TxSGS and the Dallas Genealogical Society. She is an alumna of ProGen, IGHR, TIGR, GRIP, SLIG and GenFed. Barbara taught genealogy continuing education classes at Collin College from 2008 to 2021. She does presentations for libraries and genealogical societies throughout the U.S. and U.K.

August Historical Moments

- 1914 - Germany and France declare war.
- 1920 - The 19th Amendment is formally adopted, guaranteeing women the right to vote.
- 1936 - Berlin Olympics
- 1945 - Atom bomb dropped on Nagasaki.
- 1959 - Hawaii becomes the 50th state.
- 1965 - Voting Rights Act signed into law.
- 1974 - Resignation of President Richard Nixon.

2024 Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars
 Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>
 to register for these and other monthly free live webinars

Who Hid the Body? Finding Your Ancestor's Place of Burial

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/who-hid-the-body-finding-your-ancestors-place-of-burial/>

Elizabeth Williams Gomoll, CG - Wednesday, August 21, 2024: 11:00 AM PDT

It's not over until you find where your ancestor was buried. This presentation offers examples of records that can lead to an ancestor's elusive final resting place.

Using the Collaborate Tool at Family Search

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/using-the-collaborate-tool-at-familysearch/>

Karen Clifford, AG - Wednesday, August 28, 2024: 11:00 AM PDT

Karen shares a ten-year experiment using the Collaborate tool at FamilySearch to shine a light on selected ancestors, and help to attract unknown, yet later proven relatives to our common family tree.

If the link doesn't work, copy and paste into your browser.

Upcoming Questing Heirs Presentations:

September 15, 2024 - Military Research Using Fold3

If you have suggestions for speakers and/or presentation topics, please contact us at:

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