



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

**Hybrid meeting: November 17, 2024
beginning at 2:00 PM PST**

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

Masks are recommended or attend via Zoom

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**

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Dues are \$30 per year for an individual or \$45 per year for a family.

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<http://www.qhgs.info/>

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Guest Speaker: Barbara Coakley

Getting Around the Fire at the Military Records Center:

WWI - Corporal John L. Coakley

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QH members at Western Shores DAR Centennial Celebration
LtoR - Back row: Diana Transue, Sandy McDonald, Terry Hamilton,
Jerry Hardison - Front Row: Nina Gustin, Tina McKillip

QHGS President's Message

Bob Prager



If you've taken an autosomal DNA test at Ancestry (the only kind they currently offer) and haven't already done so, it'd be worth looking at what used to be called "Ethnicity Estimates" – they've been updated again (and they're no longer called "Ethnicity Estimates" – they're now "Ancestral Regions").

As I mentioned here last February, I've saved each of my results as they're "improved" (I now have nine sets from Ancestry). Since I downloaded the raw DNA results from Ancestry and uploaded them everywhere else I could, I also have two sets from My Heritage, two from Family Tree DNA, and one from 23 and Me.

Since I have some idea of the ethnicity of each of my grandparents, I try to see how close each refinement comes to what I think I know about them. Taking the easy ones first, my paternal grandfather was an Ashkenazi Jew – and this has been pretty constant over each of the revisions at just below 25%. My maternal grandmother was the daughter of two Irish immigrants, and my purported Irish ancestry has fluctuated some, with a high of 30% in 2020 and a low in the new results of 22%.

My "English" maternal grandfather (England? Northwestern Europe? A bit of Scandinavia?) had a surname from Old Norse, so the England & NW Europe & Sweden and Scotland at a combined 30% seems reasonable, but then there's my grandmother... Born in Alsace-Lorraine (France, although speaking a German dialect), she became German in the 1870s after the Franco-Prussian War. Aha! 25% Germanic Europe!

Some of the earlier estimates were pretty far off, and they've been approaching what I had assumed they should be.

Barbara Coakley



Getting Around the Fire at the Military Records Center: WWI - Corporal John L. Coakley

[It is possible to reconstruct service for a WWI soldier whose file was destroyed in the fire at the Military Records Center. Learn about alternative sources available through a case study.](#)

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 alumnus 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.

Announcements

QH Board Nominations for 2025-2026

President: Bob Prager

2nd VP (Membership): Sandy McDonald

Nominations and elections will be held at our November 17th General Meeting.

Questing Heirs membership dues are renewable in January 2025 - See Form on Page 5.

Registration for **RootsTech 2025** opened on September 25th - www.RootsTech.org

MyHeritage has acquired MesAieux.com, a popular family history service that specializes in French Canadian genealogy.

2024 Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

to register for these and other monthly free live webinars

Researching in 17th Century Connecticut

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/researching-in-17th-century-connecticut/>

Ann G. Lawthers, Sc.D. - Wednesday, December 11, 2024: 5:00 PM PST

This class examines the beginnings of Connecticut, New Haven and Saybrook Colonies and the people who inhabited the lands prior to colonization.

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

Upcoming Questing Heirs Presentations:

December 17, 2024 - In person potluck (details next month)

Diana Transue shares about her trip to Poland

January 19, 2025 - Julie Huffman, Genealogy Librarian

Getting the Most Genealogy Out of the Los Angeles Public Library

February 16, 2025 - Megan Clark Young (Topic to be Determined)



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Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Board

- President.....Bob Prager.....(2024-2024)
- 1st Vice President – ProgramsDiana Transue.....(2024-2025)
- 2nd Vice President – Membership ..Sandy McDonald.....(2024-2024)
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- Treasurer.....Cynthia Day-Elliott.....(2024-2025)
- Director – HospitalityTina Yanis.....(2024-2025)
- Director – Acting Newsletter.....Christina McKillip.....(2024-2025)
- Director– Publicity.....Jerry Hardison.....(2024-2025)
- Past President.....Terry Hamilton.....(2024-2025)

QHGS Volunteer Positions

- Digital Archivist.....Christina "Tina" McKillip
- Research/Historian.....Tina Yanis
- Social Media/Facebook Coordinator.....Jerry Hardison
- Webmaster.....Mike Powers

**Submissions for the December newsletter
must be received by November 25, 2024.**

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To join, please contact Membership Chairman at:

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QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBER APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

I am a New member
 Current member renewing

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone () _____

E-Mail Address _____

Member Type:	Individual (\$30)	\$_____
	Family (\$45)	\$_____
	Donation	\$_____
	Total Paid	\$_____

Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

Please take a few minutes to list/update your *top five* surname and location preferences so our Program Chairman can engage speakers who will interest you. Also, the information will be printed in the directory.

Surnames you are researching:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Areas of your research (countries/states/counties):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____