



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

**Hybrid meeting: July 20, 2025
beginning at 2:00 PM PDT**

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

Speaker: Jennifer Moulder

**Pilgrims, Puritans, and Piecers:
Researching Early New England Settlers
(1620-1700)**

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
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Clark next to Pan American
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Old Abe, the live war eagle of Wisconsin, from the Centennial. United States, 1876. Photograph. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2012650046/>.

QHGS President's Message Bob Prager



I watched an on-line presentation by Stephen Gill, a British photo restorer on old photographs. (Don't we all have them?) Some key points:

1. First and foremost: *pay attention!* At a museum, a typical amount of time spent looking at an "old master" is 8 seconds. Gill spends hours with a magnifying glass going over a photograph.
2. What is the *medium*? Daguerreotype/Ambrotype/Glass/Paper? That provides dating hints.
3. What is the *condition*? This could tell the history of the physical object – or if it's a reproduction from something else.
4. What is the *size* of the photograph? This may tell the intended use of the photo.
5. Given the *subject matter*, why was it taken? Perhaps a family event, maybe a key to the date?
6. The usual suspects: clothes, hairstyles, jewelry, background. In older formal portraits, people are frequently wearing clothes provided by the photographer. There's a correlation between women's hairstyles and fashionable hats. The famous photograph of the Wild Bunch shows the 5 men wearing pinkie rings, an indication they were all part of a gang.
7. For modern pictures: *who's missing?* (Who is the family's photographer?)

See you at the July meeting!

Welcome: Jennifer Moulder



Jennifer Moulder is a United States and Canada Research Specialist at the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City. She holds a degree from BYU Idaho in Family History Research. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution where she volunteers as a Chapter Registrar and the Utah State Chair of American History. She is working on her Accredited Genealogist credential in the New England region. She is the mother of three and enjoys baking and gardening in her free time.

Topic Description: Tens of thousands of people migrated to or within New England between 1620 and 1700; however, researching in this time period can be difficult due to incomplete and missing records. In this class, we will explore the early history of this region, introduce the surviving original records, discuss a number of compiled sources, and demonstrate research in New England prior to 1700 through a case study.

[Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem \(BIRLS\)](#)

Editor Tina's Notes: It was brought to my attention that I mentioned receiving letters from the Veterans Administration within six weeks of submitting my BIRLS requests. My error - apparently I counted incorrectly. Here are the correct time frames:

I ordered two files Feb. 2 and received the first response on April 21 @ approx. 11 weeks

I ordered three files Feb. 27 and received the first response on May 9 @ approx. 10 weeks for two of the files; the third file first response was May 15 @ approx. 11 weeks

I ordered four files Feb. 28 and received the first response on May 5 @ approx. 9 weeks for three of the files; the fourth file first response was June 14 @ approx. 15 weeks.

Thank you to everyone who brought cookies and treats and to Cynthia Day-Elliott for providing ice cream at our Ice Cream Social meeting last month. Members shared their photos, albums and stories. Special thanks to Brian and Chris Elia who handed out Stabilo pencils for labeling photos.

[Free! Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#)

[Recordings available for free for 7 days](#)

[Tracing Scots Ancestors Before 1855](#)

Presented by Alison Spring - Wednesday, July 16, 2025 @ 11:00am PDT

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/tracing-scots-ancestors-before-1855/>

Researching Scots ancestors before civil registration in 1855 can be challenging! Learn about some of the rich alternative sources you can mine when looking for your earlier forebears, like tax records, directories, newspapers, and more – where to find them, and how to make the most of them.

[Unlocking Notation Codes on Alien Passenger Lists](#)

Presented by Elizabeth Williams Gomoll, CG - Wednesday, July 23, 2025 @ 11:00am PDT

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/unlocking-notation-codes-on-alien-passenger-lists/>

Entries in late 19th and early 20th century immigrant passenger manifests often include cryptic number and letter codes. Most genealogists simply look past them. Learn how to interpret these codes and what significant details they can reveal about your ancestor's immigration and naturalization experience. Discover additional information about aliens who were detained or deported. This presentation is heavily illustrated with examples from New York and Philadelphia alien passenger lists and the handout includes a glossary of the terms, codes, and abbreviations found on these manifests.



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