

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

**Hybrid meeting: January 18, 2026
Beginning at 2:00 PM PDT**

St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church
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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SPEAKER: Peggy Jude

**What to Do with Your Stuff- Planning for the Future
of Your Genealogy and Artifacts**



Peggy Jude is an experienced genealogist specializing in DNA research, genealogical technology and family history preservation with over 40 years of experience, holding leadership roles in professional societies.

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Bob Prager, President

What did your grandfathers/great-grandfathers do for a living? Did they work on a farm?

In 1880, about half the workforce was engaged in agriculture. In 1900, the percentage had dropped to just under 40%, and in 1920 had sunk to 26%. Present estimates range from 1.2% to 1.6% of total US employment as direct farm labor – things have changed quite a bit!

In 1920, my maternal grandfather (and his twin brother) both worked for the telephone company in upstate New York (although the brother – my grand-uncle – had a hobby farm he worked with horses when he retired). Their father (my great-grandfather) ran a grist mill in 1900, and his father was a farmer in 1880.

My paternal grandfather came to the US as a teenager in 1884 and lived the rest of his life in New York City – not a farmer.

I'm willing to bet all of you can find a farmer in your direct ancestry within a few generations! How far back do you have to go to find one

A Note from the Editor: Diana Transue

Hello everyone, I just wanted to introduce myself, I am the prior Program Director for Questing Heirs. Thought I would try my hand at the Newsletter for this year. Please send me your articles, stories and more for the newsletters and cite your sources, thanks and Happy New Year!

Submissions are due by the 25th of each month.

Membership dues are due in January. The form was emailed to members. Invite a friend to join...form is attached page 5.



Our new [Program Director- Tina McKillip](#) welcomes your ideas and would like your input for our Programs. With our Zoom presentations it is much easier to reach speakers from all over the United States and even overseas. Please send her your ideas and thoughts to questingheirs@gmail.com.

From Bob Prager:

I don't know how much of this will be useful for those *not* members of NYG&B, but I just received a notice about this from New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/tracing-your-new-york-ancestors-nygb-registration#sessions>

The description makes it look useful, it's free for 60 days after registering, and you can sign up for another free 60 days when that time runs out.

December 2025 FamilySearch expanded its free online archives with over **138 million** new records from 38 different countries. Some additions include 18 million civil registrations from Italy, 1.6 million church records from Ukraine, and 1.5 million Household Examination records from Sweden. Other countries with significant record additions include the following:

- Belgium
- Chile
- Honduras
- Netherlands
- Philippines
- United States
- Wales

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RootsTech Online: March 5-7, 2026

There will be 200+ **FREE** online sessions with digital syllabi and class handouts.

Register here: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/registration/online/>

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To join, please contact Membership Chair at:

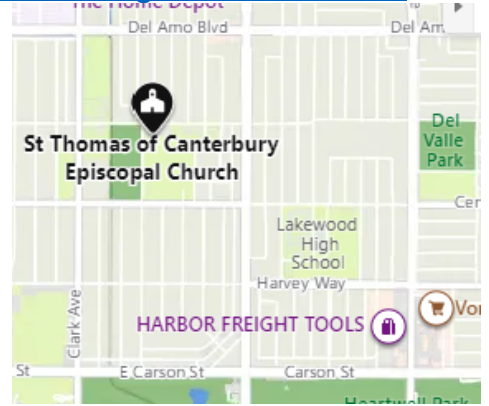
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Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

Please list or update your top five so we can engage speakers who will most likely interest you.
This information will be printed in the Membership Directory and emailed to paid members only.

Surnames you are researching:

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

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

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