

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

NOVEMBER QHGS MEETING

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Celebrating Our Ancestors
Who Served in the Military
QHGS Member Presentations

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest Street, in Long Beach California. See the map on the last page.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

Look for us on the Web:

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

or on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/QuestingHeirs/>

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• FAMILY HISTORY QUOTE •

*'If you don't recount your family history it will be lost.
Honor your own stories and tell them too.
The tales may not seem very important, but they are what
binds families and makes each of us who we are.'
-Madeleine L'Engle-*

• November – Our Members Present •



Photo by Christine Elia

At our meeting on November 18th, we will be celebrating our ancestors who served in the military and what information we have found on them. Some of this information was recently found in the National Archives in St. Louis by two of our members who visited there this summer. Not only is the information different for each vet, but each presenter will be free to present it in their own way.

For some servicemen, we may learn something about them from before or after their service or hear of unique training that they had. Where were they sent? Were they in a conflict zone? Did they share their stories when they returned? Maybe something will be said to give you a new idea for expanding your own research.

Since this sharing session will be open to all members and to give everyone time to speak, please contact Christine Elia (QuestingHeirsTreas@gmail.com) with how much speaking time you think you will need by November 11, Veterans Day!

• Dating Family Photographs •

Over the next few months, the QHGS Newsletter will publish vintage photos. How much do you already know about dating photos?

- ✓ Do you know the family? Can you date the photo by a wedding or the age of young child?
- ✓ Is there a stamp on the photo or cabinet card to tell you more about the photographer or location?
- ✓ Look up the photographer or location. What period of time were they in business? Did you know that many local historical societies publish years that businesses operated?
- ✓ What can the clothing or hair style tell you about the year?
- ✓ There blogs about dating family photos. See this Ancestry blog entitled 'Dating Family Photographs Using Historical Fashion Clues'.
<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/07/27/dating-family-photographs-using-historical-fashion-clues/>

This photo was taken in California. Why were the children on an ostrich? Was this picture taken between 1895-1904, 1905-1914, or 1914-1925?



Photo from the collection of Janice Miller

Study this photo before the next meeting and see if you can determine the time period it was taken. At our November meeting, members may submit one guess as to the time period this photo was taken. One lucky member will receive a Starbucks gift card donated by the Janice Miller. The drawing will be made from the correct answers submitted.

If you'd like to submit your guess as to the date of this photo, please see Janice at the back table before the meeting or during the break.

• Veteran's Day •



On November 11th every year we observe Veteran's Day. This date was previously known as Armistice Day.

President Wilson declared November 11 as the first observance of Armistice Day in 1919. He said: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1938 legislation was passed making November 11th a national holiday to honor primarily World War I Veterans. It was known as Armistice Day. In 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938. Thereafter November 11th was known as Veterans Day and recognized all American veterans.

• Where Can I Find Military Records? •

There are subscription websites like Fold3 where you might find military records. Also look for records at FamilySearch and Ancestry. Many local newspapers reported information about men and women who had gone off to war or to training. Sometimes soldiers would visit their family, so you might try looking for parents or sibling's names during a specific period of time. You might find information about the soldier and his or her family.

Think about these hints when researching records. Use different forms of a person's name. When searching for Captain James R. Williams, look for just the surname Williams, J.R. Williams, or James Williams and other variations.

If your ancestor is buried in a National Cemetery, you can use the search function at the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs to find important details. An example of a search on the Veterans Affairs website is shown below is shown here. The website is <https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/index.html>

The National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records is the repository of records of discharged and deceased veterans during the 20th century. For more information on how you can request your ancestor's records see <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel>

1. RUSSELL, EUGENE ALBERT
2ND LT US ARMY
WORLD WAR II
DATE OF BIRTH: 04/17/1920
DATE OF DEATH: 02/02/2007
BURIED AT: SECTION 63E SITE 772 View Map
RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY
22495 VAN BUREN BOULEVARD RIVERSIDE, CA 92518
(951) 653-8417

For next of kin, you may be able to request your ancestor's replacement medals. The process and cost can differ between the services branches and is dependent on who is asking for the medal. We were successful in replacing lost military awards and decorations for a parent. For more information please see <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/awards-and-decorations#nok>

A great first place to begin looking is <https://www.archives.gov/veterans> Once there, you will find the links to:

- ✓ Request Military Service Records
- ✓ Research Using Military Records
- ✓ Replace Lost Medals and Awards

• Heroes Hall at the Orange County Fairgrounds •

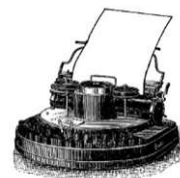
Have you visited Heroes Hall at the Orange County Fairgrounds? Heroes Hall opened in February 2017. It is open year-round and honors Orange County Veterans. They have permanent as well as rotating exhibits.

'Bravemind' is an exhibit that began this past July. On Saturday, November 10th there is a free community 'Salute to Veterans'.

The museum and educational center is housed in a renovated 1942 Santa Ana Army Air Base barracks building. Outside the hall is a Medal of Honor Courtyard and Orange County Walk of Honor. To read more details about Heroes Hall and their current events see <http://www.ocheroeshall.org/>

• Blogs and Articles to Read This Month •

- ✓ FamilySearch Blog: 'Incorrect U.S. Census Information – When the Census Taker Gets It Wrong'
<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/incorrect-census-information/>
 - ✓ Lisa Louise Cooke Blog: 'Native American Census Rolls Online'
<https://lisalouisecooke.com/2018/10/12/native-american-records-online/>
 - ✓ Amy Johnson Crow Blog: 'Citing Sources Without Stressing Out'
<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/citing-sources/#more-5610>
- The Occasional Genealogist: 'Have You Found the Hidden Features at Ancestry DNA?'
<https://www.theoccasionalgenealogist.com/2018/04/autosomal-dna-tools-ancestrydna.html>



• Learning Opportunities •

FamilySearch Webinars

November 8 – 'United States Research: Plains States Region'

November 15 – 'Irish Census Records at the National Archives of Ireland'

November 20 – 'Over View of FamilySearch Memories'

For more information:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Family Tree Webinars

November 14 – 'Introduction to the Bayou State: Louisiana for Beginners' by Rorey Cathcart

November 20 – 'Every Day Life of Our Ancestors' by Ann Staley

For more information: <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Conferences and Seminars

- ✓ RootsTech 2019: February 27 – March 2, 2019, Salt Lake City, Utah
<https://www.rootstech.org/>
- ✓ Jamboree 2019: May 30 – June 2, 2019, Burbank, California
<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>
- ✓ Annual Whitter Area Genealogy Society Seminar with John P. Colletta, January 26, 2019
<https://wagswhittier.org/cpage.php?pt=7>

• 2018 QHGS Election of Officers •

Officers/Directors shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the annual meeting. List of Nominees:

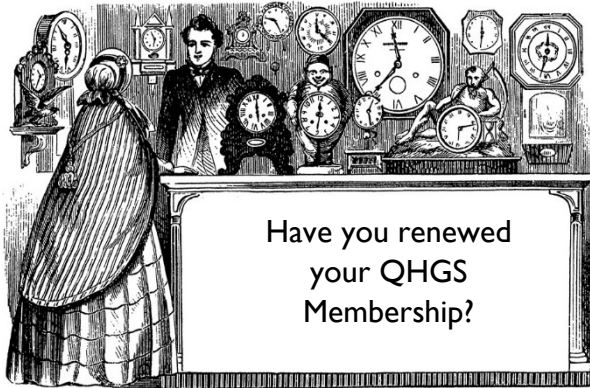
- President (2019-2020)..... Tina McKillip
- 2nd Vice President – Membership (2019-2020)..... Cynthia Day-Elliott
- Secretary (2019)..... Diane Transue
- Director at Large – Hospitality (2019-2020)..... Tina Yanis
- Director at Large – Newsletter (2019-2020)..... Janice Miller
- Director at Large – Publicity (2019)..... Jerry Hardison



Welcome to our new QHGS members!

Nancy Jo Carrier, Lauren Oliver
and Connie & Raul Rodriguez

Please take a moment to say hello to them at the next meeting.



The Questing Heirs Genealogy Society membership year runs from September 1st through August 31. If you have not already done so, please complete the form on page 72 and return it at the November QHGS meeting. You may also mail it to the address at the bottom of this page.

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please email Cynthia Day-Elliott at cdecpa@dslextrreme.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott

At the October meeting there were 31 members and 9 guests in attendance.

REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth

Our November hosts are: Candy Wood, Terry Hamilton, and Janice Miller

QUARTERLY TREASURER REPORT by Christine Elia

July – September 2018

Income: \$179.68

Expenses: \$1,057.07

F&M Balance: \$3,895.40 of which \$959.06 is restricted to educational expenses.

Membership dues collected in September will be reflected in the fourth quarter report.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone () _____

E-Mail Address _____

Member Type:

Individual (\$30) \$ _____

Family (\$45) \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

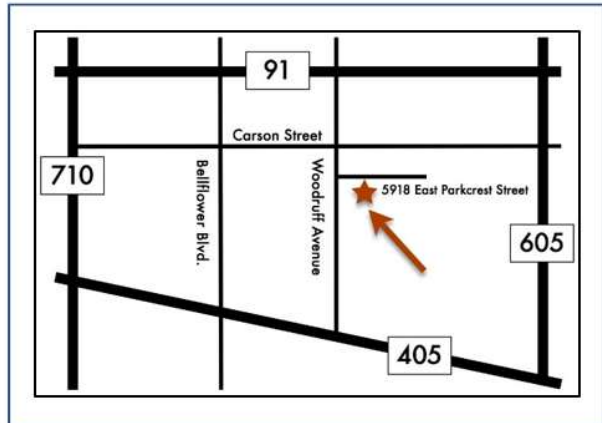
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Please take a few minutes to list/update your surname research and location preferences so our Program Chairman can engage speakers who will interest you.

Also, the information will be printed in the directory.

Surnames you are researching: _____

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



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- 2nd Vice President – Membership.....Cynthia Day-Elliott (2017-2018)
- Secretary.....Christina McKillip (2018-2019)
- Treasurer.....Christine Elia(2018-2019)
- Director at Large – Publicity.....Glenn Haas(2017-2018)
- Director at Large – Member LiaisonCathy Rokicki (2017-2018)
- Director at Large - Program Assistant ..Vacant..... (2018-2019)

QHGS Volunteer Positions

- Digital Archivist.....Vacant
- Research/Historian/HospitalityTina Yanis
- Newsletter EditorJanice Miller
- Refreshments.....Sandy Hollandsworth
- Social Media/Facebook CoordinatorLaurie Angel
- WebmasterVacant

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