

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

• **Our January Presentation** •
Janice Miller

‘Discovering Your Family – The Importance of a Timeline’
And ‘Finding Records for Your Female Ancestors –
What Undiscovered Records Might Reveal’

Sunday January 19, 2020 at 1:00 pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held
on the third Sunday of the month
at 1:00 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
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• JANUARY QUOTE •

‘Preserve your memories, keep them well, what you
forget you can never retell.’

- Louisa May Alcott

• Our January Presenter – Janice Miller •

'Discovering Your Family – The Importance of a Timeline' and
'Finding Records for Your Female Ancestors – What Undiscovered Records Might Reveal'

Janice has been doing genealogy research for her family for more than thirty years. She is an avid reader and attends various genealogy workshops and conferences to further her knowledge base. Janice has been the QHGS newsletter editor for the past two years and is currently taking online classes through the National Genealogical Society.



In the course of her research for her DAR membership, she found an ancestor that was an aide to General Washington. Another ancestor, Rebecca Nurse, was one of the last women hung at Salem in 1692. Throughout the years, Janice discovered there is never an end to one's research. New records come online each month. There is always something fun and interesting to learn no matter how long you've been researching your family tree.

'Discovering Your Family – The Importance of a Timeline'

Do you know the when, where and why of your ancestor's life? There is more to their story than their birth, marriage and death. If you map out their life using a timeline, it can help identify the holes in their life and clear up contradictions in your research.

'Finding Records for Your Female Ancestors – What Undiscovered Records Might Reveal'

Do you know where to look for your female ancestors? Are you tired of hearing that your great grandmother's name was Mrs. Robert Smith and not knowing her birth name? We will explore records to search, see concrete examples and perhaps find clues to break down a brick wall that has you stumped.

• QHGS President's Message •

Hope your holiday gatherings were filled with new information for your family tree. Now we can spend January inputting these tidbits into our software or online trees. Yea!

I want to thank those who participated in our December potluck. The food was delicious and it was nice to hear the varied stories from our members. Thank you, Sandy McDonald, for the fun installation of new and returning officers. Thank you to our new and returning officers, to Chris Elia who fulfilled her two-year term as treasurer and to our new treasurer team - Bob & Pat Prager.



We have a new year and decade and I have a new idea to grow our membership while getting our family, friends and neighbors interested in genealogy.

Do you remember the tag line "Tell A Friend" from a 1970's television commercial for a major supermarket? For every new "friend" who attends a Questing Heirs meeting from January thru June, I will put your name in a drawing for a free Ancestry DNA test that will be donated by me. (Bring five new friends and your name goes in five times.) I will draw a name at our June meeting. Now go tell a friend.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please let me know. You can find my contact information in the member directory or contact me at: questingheirs@gmail.com

Christina "Tina" McKillip

• Published County Histories •

Published county history books can be an excellent resource for genealogists. These books usually document a specific county can also be written about two or more counties in the same region. As you review the facts and biographies in these books, you must determine what is actually true and what is somewhat true. You might even say, take a look at the facts the same as you might family tree you find online that has no sources.

The people who are profiled on the pages of the county history may have submitted their own profile and photograph. The biographical information like births, deaths, and marriages can probably be trusted. But there may be instances where other facts are exaggerated. But it is a great starting point to fill in some facts and point to future research sources that you can look into.

Many of the county histories were published funded by money contributed by the people listed in the book. Subscription publishers would offer a set number of pages, photos, or drawing for a specified amount of money. Thus, the 'notable' people were often those paying for inclusion in the book.

There is a lot to learn about your ancestors if you find them detailed in a county history. I thought that my great grandfather only worked as an auto mechanic and later for Veteran's Affairs. But in an Iowa county history I found that he also worked for his father in a family owned bank.

You will find these books on Ancestry.com, eBay, Libraries, Google Books, WorldCat, and some historical societies. If you use Ancestry.com there is a drill down capability. For example, on the search menu select 'card catalog' and then enter 'Taylor County Iowa'. Your search nets two results:

1. 'History of Taylor County, Iowa'
2. 'History of Taylor County, Iowa: from the earliest historic times to 1910'

Select the second entry and search for John Cooper. You will net five results all referring to 'John R. Cooper'.

Some county histories have indexes of all the people within the book. Other county books only index the most prominent residents. You ancestor might be mentioned if they were a founder of the county or town even if they did not submit a biography. Many books devote a portion of the book for a history of the county, early settlers, geographic descriptions and other interesting facts.

What can you hope to find in a county history? I'm sure we all hope that we will find our ancestor. You might find the personal details of family and neighbors. You will find insights into what life what like during the time period of the publication. Within the details of births and marriages you will see connections between families and neighbors. There will be a lot of useful facts about the community, demographics and migration. In a sense you will be walking down the streets of the town, learning about stores, ranches and other businesses.

If you have never considered looking at a county history publication, I'd urge you to read one now. Even if you do not have an ancestor who was published in a book, you will find them an insightful read.

REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth

Snacks for January meeting: Terry Hamilton, Bridget Dole, Linda Ryan, Cynthia Day Elliott

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott

At the December meeting there were 25 members and 1 visitor in attendance.

• DAR Headquarters in Washington D.C. •

In 2006, we were able to tour the Daughters of the American Revolution National Headquarters. I was not prepared for what I would see on that summer day. If you would like to read more about it, start your journey on <https://www.dar.org/national-society>.

The DAR complex contains many sections.

- ✓ The Memorial Continental Hall is the oldest building the DAR complex. Edward Pearce Casey designed it in 1905. He was also the designer of the interior of the Library of Congress.
- ✓ Designed by John Russell Pope, Constitution Hall was built in 1929. John Russell Pope also designed the NARA building, the Jefferson Memorial and the National Gallery of Art.
- ✓ The Administration Building is positioned between Memorial Continental Hall and Constitution Hall. It was built in 1920.
- ✓ The DAR Museum was founded in 1890 and collects, preserves and exhibits objects made and used by Americans prior to the industrial revolution. They have permanent exhibits in 31 period rooms.
- ✓ The DAR Library is found within the Memorial Continental Hall. It maintains a collection of genealogical and historical publications.
- ✓ The DAR Americana Collection contains early American manuscripts and printed materials of historical importance to the DAR.



• Cup of Coffee Question •



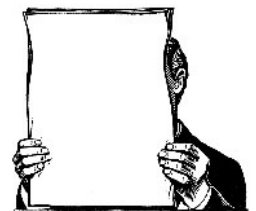
In 2020, I hope to bring you facts about buildings in our country's history in the newsletter's 'Cup of Coffee' feature.

Question: When was the DAR Library founded? To find the answer to this question go to: <https://www.dar.org/library/about-library>

_____ 1890 _____ 1896 _____ 1905 _____ 1929

A winning entry will be picked from the correct answers at the next meeting. Win a \$10 gift card courtesy of Janice Miller.

Please Note: The Genealogy Librarian at the LAPL announced that the Central Los Angeles Public Library at 630 W. Fifth Street will be closed to undergo computer cable updates. The reading room, closed stacks and workroom will be closed between February 26 through approximately March 23, 2020. They also will not be holding their monthly Genealogy Garage event in March.

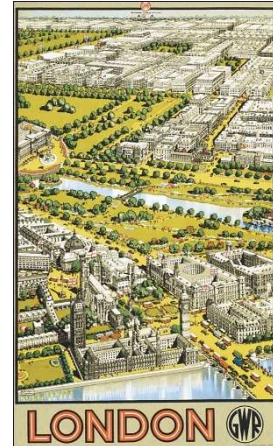


• Rootstech London October 2019 Recorded Sessions •

Did you wish you could have seen some of the presentations at Rootstech this past October in London? There are six recorded sessions that you can watch online for free from the Rootstech 2019 conference. They are:

- ✓ 'DNA is Dynamite – How to Ignite Your Ancestral Research'
- ✓ 'Discover Your Family at FamilySearch: Photos, Stories and Memories'
- ✓ 'A Strategic Approach to Irish Genealogy'
- ✓ 'Getting Started with DNA'
- ✓ 'Tracing 20th Century English Ancestors – The Joys and Challenges'
- ✓ 'Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry, Family Search, Findmypast and MyHeritage'

Follow this link: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2019-london-rootstech-sessions>



• Learning Opportunities •

Conferences and Events

- ✓ Pat Richley-Erickson: 'Dear MYRTLE' at the Whittier Area Genealogical Society's 37th Annual Seminar on January 25, 2020. For more information see <https://wagswhittier.org/eventListings.php?nm=34>

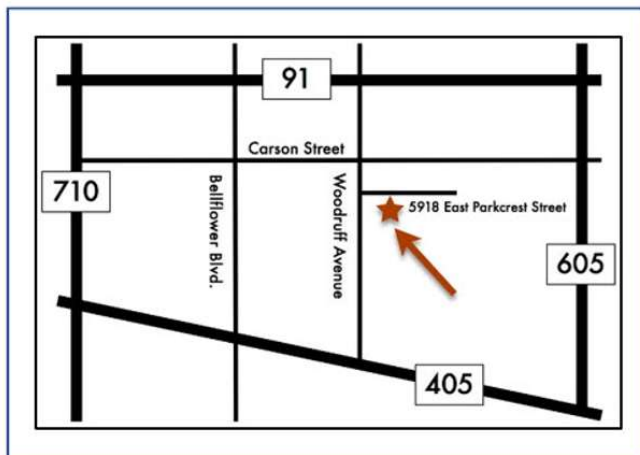
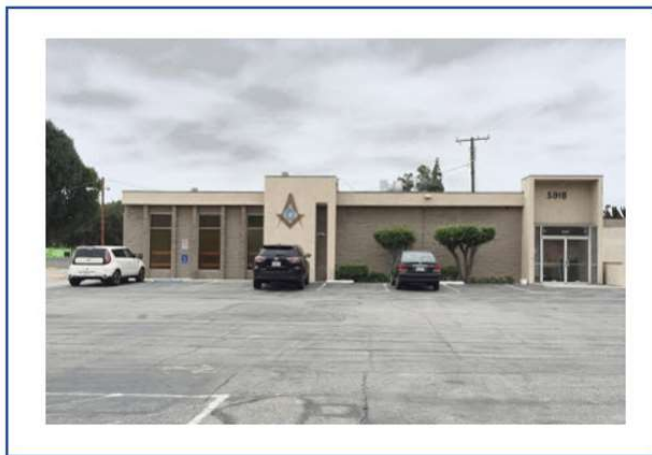
Gena Philibert-Ortega's Cruises

- ✓ Great Alaska Gold: Pioneers and Family History. August 23-30, 2020: Seattle, Victoria, Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway. Presentations at sea by Cyndi Ingle, David Allen Lambert, Daniel Horowitz, Ron Arons, Tami Osmer Mize and Gena Philibert-Ortega.
- ✓ Viva Mexico: Sun and Fun on Land, Genealogy at Sea! February 6-11, 2021: Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas

For more information see <https://www.oconnelltravel.com/GroupRegistrations/view/85944> (for Mexico) or <https://www.oconnelltravel.com/rw/view/84648> (for Alaska) or www.GenealogyCruises.com

Blogs and Articles to Read

- ✓ 'How to Find and Browse Unindexed Records at Ancestry – The Better Browsing Checklist' at <https://lialouisecooke.com/2019/11/17/browse-only-records-at-ancestry/>
- ✓ 'Browse-Only Databases at FamilySearch are Easy to Use at <https://lialouisecooke.com/2019/04/15/browse-only-databases-familysearch/>
- ✓ '36 British Sayings' on FamilySearch at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/british-sayings/>
- ✓ 'Finding Your Ancestor's Hometown Using Immigration Records' on FamilySearch at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/immigration-records-locating-birthplace/>
- ✓ 'Is YOUR Ancestor in the Often Overlooked Non-Population Schedules? at <https://lialisson.com/is-your-ancestor-in-the-often-overlooked-non-population-schedules/>
- ✓ 'Millions of Free Records on Family Search Can Not Be Found via Search: Here's How to Access Them' at <https://familyhistorydaily.com/tips-and-tricks/millions-of-free-records-on-familysearch-cant-be-found-via-search-heres-how-to-access-them/>



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