

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**Our next meeting will be  
October 18 on Zoom**

**12:30 Social Time**

**1:00 Speaker Presentation**

#### 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.

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

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## **‘Cousin Baiting and Cousin Stalking’ With Christine Cohen**

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#### OCTOBER QUOTE

‘Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future. We make discoveries about ourselves.’

- Gail Lumet Buckley

## October Presentation 'Cousin Baiting and Cousin Stalking'

### About Our Speaker Christine Cohen

I am a long-time member of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS), and have served in many capacities, including President. In addition to WAGS, I'm also a member of the El Redondo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

My interest in genealogy began in 1977 with the airing of the TV mini-series "Roots" and was piqued when I found a typed pedigree chart of my Dutch heritage from the New Netherlands in the 1660's. I'm a native Californian, a graduate of UCLA in Political Science and have worked for Vitol Aviation Company since 1993.



### 'Cousin Baiting & Cousin Stalking'

We will discuss the many ways to reach out to distant living cousins to help you expand your pedigree chart forward in time. You may find family treasures, photos, DNA test takers and information that will break down a brick wall. We will explore online trees, lineage societies, cemetery indexes, obituaries in newspapers, living people finder websites and social media.

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## QHGS President's Message

Our Zoom meeting last month included Social Time at 12:30 pm. It was nice to see and visit with our members and meet new guests. Sara Cochran did a wonderful job talking to us about all the ways to research around the loss of the 1890 U.S. Census.

There are many opportunities to learn about genealogy. As I see something new come to my attention, I send an e-mail to Laurie Angel who promptly puts it on our Facebook page. This is the fastest way to get the information out especially after the newsletter has been sent. Please check the page often.

We still need a member to take over the newsletter duties as Janice's term is up in December. If you are willing to do this, please contact me or Janice Miller. She has it organized and ready for you!

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

Christina "Tina" McKillip

## Using Maps to Find Records and Understand Our Ancestors

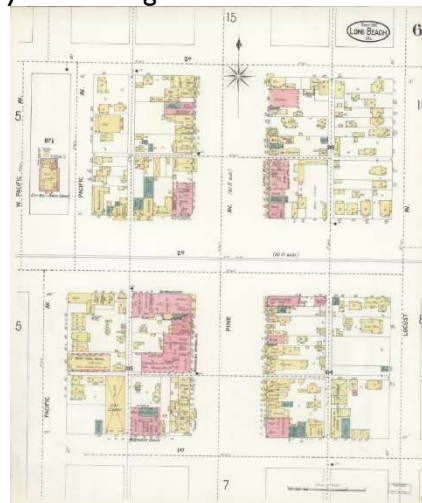
Maps are an important research tool and can help pinpoint where your ancestors lived. If you don't have any pressing research problems, you might just take some time and learn more about maps you may not be familiar with. Find out about when the maps were made and the reasons for them. You might be able to use one of map types below to solve a research problem.

Do you have questions about what county your ancestor lived in? Are you looking in the right place for the records? City and county boundaries changed over time so it is important to review maps if you hit a brick wall. Records might be in an archive that isn't on your radar if the county boundary lines changed.

Maybe you interested in finding out more about a battle site your ancestor was involved in and troop movements. Are you hoping to find out more details about a city during a specific time period? How did the topography influence migration from point A to point B?

My favorite map might be the Sanborn fire map. You can get a sense of how the town looked at a point in time. Businesses are labeled along with what type of building materials were used to construct the building, helping you visualize what your great Uncle Billy saw as he strolled down the street.

Map Citation: *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California*. Sanborn Map Company, Sep, 1902. Map. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <[www.loc.gov/item/sanborn00650\\_005/](http://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn00650_005/)>.



### Boundary maps

These maps can be used to see the relationships between different locations. What nearby town did Aunt Nancy's husband come from? Look for maps during the years that you are researching. The Atlas of Historical County Boundaries is a good resource. There is a link below.

### Sanborn fire insurance maps

These were created for fire insurance purpose. You can find them at the Library of Congress and other sites. <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/>

### Historical atlas

These include historical maps and help us understand factors within historical context. They usually include maps and charts showing the evolution of the politics based on the Earth's geography.

### City and town maps

The format of these may vary greatly depending on the proposed use. As with other maps, it shows physical features like bodies of water, roads, railroads, parks, and other important elements.

### Enumeration district maps

Communities were divided into Enumeration Districts for each census. You can use these maps to help find where to look for your ancestors in each census. Did you know that each ED had about the same number of people living in it? It was supposed to be the size that one census taker could cover. Depending on the area, it might be just a few blocks or an entire county. FamilySearch, Steven Morse and the National Archives have more information about Enumeration District maps.

**Plat maps**

These may also be referred to as cadastral maps, survey plats and landowner maps. These maps show the boundaries of different properties, their owners, landmarks and waterways. You will see land divisions and might see what the property was used for.

**Topographic maps**

These maps show the changes in elevation using contour lines. The map will show things like water sources, the steepness of mountains or if the land is flat. Knowing about these geographic features may help you understand more about migration patterns and settlements. See the link below for US Geological Survey maps.

**Population density maps**

Look for these maps around the years that a census was taken. They were based on census data. You will see how dense the population was in urban areas versus rural areas. By comparing different years, the expansion or reduction of a specific area will be more evident.

**Political maps**

You might remember seeing these mounted on the wall of your classroom when you attended school. They help us understand the geography of the world as it relates to showing governmental units like countries and states.

**Military maps**

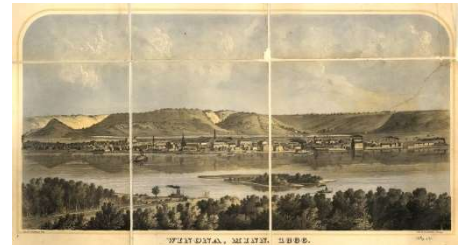
These were most likely created before battles or upcoming conflicts. They helped military leaders plan and strategize. You might see troop movements and details of nearby communities. Some of these maps can be found online at the David Rumsey Map Collection.

**Railroad maps**

When looking at railroad maps, you will see the development of an area over time. These maps may also show future development. There are more than 600 railroad maps online at the Library of Congress.

**Panoramic maps**

The Library of Congress has a collection of digitized panoramic maps. Panoramic maps are sometimes called perspective maps or aero views. These maps are typically drawn and not photographs. See this collection at <https://loc.gov/collections/panoramic-maps>



Map citation: Bennett, L. G. Map of Winona County, Minnesota. Chicago. lith by C. Shober & Co, 1867. Map. <https://www.loc.gov/item/97685001/>.

Using maps to learn more about your ancestor's surroundings will add to what you know about their lives. If they were farmers, was their land fertile and water was bountiful? How close were churches, courthouses and supplies? What forms of transportation were available to them? Many of the things that you will find on maps influenced their lives.

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**Resources**

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries at <http://www.newberry.org/atlas-historical-county-boundaries>

David Ramsey Map Collection at [www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com)

General Land Office Records at <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/>

Historical U.S. Counties on Google Maps at <https://www.randymajors.com/p/maps.html>

Library of Congress at <https://www.loc.gov/collections/?q=maps>

New York Public Library at [www.nypl.org/about/divisions/map-division](http://www.nypl.org/about/divisions/map-division)



## Resources (continued)

Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection at [www.lib.utexas.edu/maps](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps)



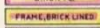
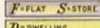
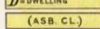


Railroad Maps, 1828-1900 at <https://www.loc.gov/collections/railroad-maps-1828-to-1900>

US Geological Survey Historical Topographic Map Explorer at <https://livingatlas.arcgis.com/topoexplorer/>

USGS – Using Maps in Genealogy at <https://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2002/0099/report.pdf>

USGS National Geologic Map Data Base at <https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/viewer/#4/40.01/-100.06>

## Sanborn Keys, Legends, and Symbol Sheets

	Brick building with frame side (DIVIDED BY FRAME PARTITION)
	Brick veneered building
	.. and frame building
	Frame building, brick lined
	.. " " metal clad
	Frame building
	Frame building covered with asbestos

Was the building on the map a frame building, brick lined or was it a brick building with a frame cornice? Read more about Sanborn maps at <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection/>.

## Reuniting Old Photos

A few months ago, QHGS President Tina McKillip talked about posting found photos online. My ears perked up because for years I have been buying discarded photos online and at swap meets. When I should be working on my own family tree, I've found great joy in identifying the people in old photos and finding some way to share them with their descendants.

One way that Tina mentioned was adding them to an existing find-a-grave memorial online. I added this photo to a couple's memorial. The man was named and the bride was identified as 'Salveson girl'.

You can follow up posting a photo by searching for family trees on Ancestry and other sites that include these individuals. Try sending a message to them and

point them to the photo you posted so that they can add it to their tree. Over time, others may find this photo through your original posting or added to other user's family trees. It is interesting to go back in a year and see how many times the photo has been shared.



If you haven't posted photos online of your ancestors, think about doing so now. There may be others out there like me that have been searching for decades for a likeness of a long-lost ancestor they've never seen.

There are many online sites dedicated to reuniting old family photos with descendants. How many are you familiar with?

## We Need a Newsletter Editor Beginning with the January 2021 Issue

We still need to fill the position for newsletter editor beginning with the January 2021 issue. The QHGS Newsletter does not need to be lengthy. It need only contain information about our upcoming speaker and any Questioning Heirs announcements. You do not need to write an article each month.

If you are interested in learning more about this open position, please contact our nomination chair, Sandy McDonald. Thank you.



## • Learning Opportunities •

### FamilySearch Webinars

- ✓ Oct 26: 'Mournful Exodus: Finding Your Irish Ancestor's Home'
- ✓ Nov 3: 'Using the FamilySearch Mobile Apps'
- ✓ Nov 5: 'Swedish Genealogy Files: Mystery of the Unknown Father in 1800'

For More information see [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

- ✓ Oct 7: 'Wring Every Drop out of Y DNA' by Roberta Estes
- ✓ Oct 8: 'From Generation to Generation: An Updated Look at Kinship Determination' by Judy G. Russell
- ✓ Oct 23: 'How Old Did He Have to Be...?' By Judy G. Russell
- ✓ Oct 28: 'In Black and White: Finding Historical Newspapers from Around the World' by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- ✓ Nov 4: 'How to Connect with Your Pilgrim Ancestors to Join the Mayflower Society' by Kate Eakman

For more information on all of their upcoming webinars see <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

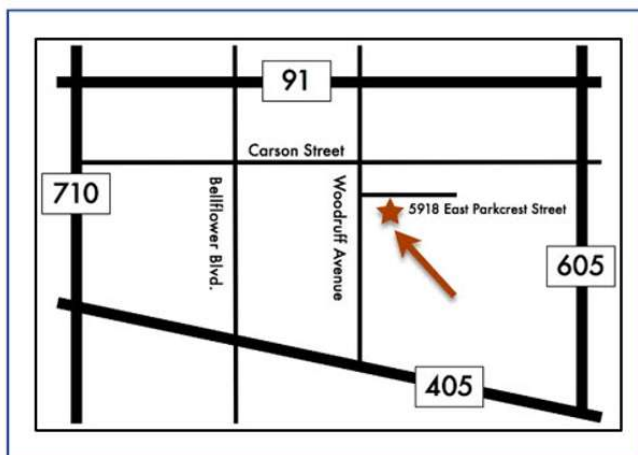
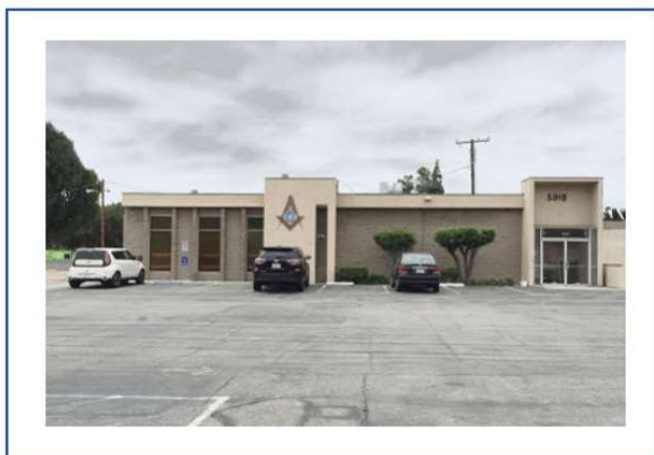
### Blogs to Read

- ✓ '9 Mayflower Descendants as Famous as Their Pilgrim Ancestors' at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/9-famous-mayflower-descendants/>
- ✓ 'Create Your Own Cemetery Tours: Find Your Ancestor's Grave' at <https://lialisson.com/cemetery-tours/>
- ✓ 'Drawing strength from our ancestors' resilience – from the Spanish Flu to today' at <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/>
- ✓ 'Fast Ways to Cluster Your DNA Matches at the Beginning of a Research Project' at <https://familylocket.com/fast-ways-to-cluster-your-dna-matches-at-the-beginning-of-a-research-project/>
- ✓ 'How to Search United States Passport Records' at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/search-us-passport-records/>
- ✓ 'Nine kinds of Ancestors You Could Find on Your Family Tree' at <https://blogs.ancestry.com/cm/nine-kinds-of-ancestors-you-could-find-on-your-family-tree/>
- ✓ 'Your Guide to Cemetery Research. (Are you missing important clues?)' at <https://lialisson.com/guide-to-cemetery-research/>



## RootsTech 2021

RootsTech 2021 will be held online February 25-27, 2021. I will certainly miss my annual trek to Salt Lake City next year. Fortunately, we will still be able to tune in online to fabulous speakers and presentations from home. For more information and to register for 'Introducing RootsTech Connect: A Free Online Conference Experience' go to <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>



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