



QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**Our next meeting will be
January 17th on Zoom**

12:30 PM Social Time

1:00 PM Speaker Presentation

Gina Philibert-Ortega

‘Woman’s Lives During the Civil War’

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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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

Family Search Webinars

Did you know that the Family History Library offers free online webinars? January’s webinars consist of learning how to use the FamilySearch catalog, submitting names for temple work, ArkivDigital basics, an introduction to United States military records, and much more. Find the January schedule here: <https://bit.ly/2KhTC8z>

Look for us on the Web:

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

or on Facebook:

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

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Whittier Area Genealogical Society 38th Annual Seminar

Virtual Seminar, Saturday, January 30, 2021. Cost is \$25. For more information, please visit their website at www.WAGSWhittier.org

• Our January Speaker – Gina Philibert-Ortega •

Woman's Lives During the Civil War



Gina Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a Master's degree in Religion. Her published works include two books, numerous articles published in magazines and online, as well as four editions of the *Tracing Your Ancestors* series from Morsehead Publishing. She is the editor of the Utah Genealogical Association's magazine, *Crossroads*. Her writings can be found on her blogs, Gena's Genealogy and Food.Family.Ephemera as well as the GenealogyBank and Legacy Webinars blogs. She is a course instructor for The National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She has presented to diverse groups worldwide including the Legacy Family Tree Webinar series. Her current research includes women's repatriation and citizenship in the 20th century, foodways and community in fundraising cookbooks, and women's material culture.

QHGS President's Message

I am so glad 2020 is over! I have missed seeing all of you in person at our monthly meetings. For the time being, our Zoom meetings will have to be enough.

In case you aren't aware, there is no charge to sign up for a Zoom account. Questing Heirs has a paid account and you only need to join the meeting with the link I send in your email assuming that you have downloaded Zoom to your device. You can use your computer, laptop, cell phone or home phone. You can show your face or not, join our social time or wait for the speaker. If you need help with the process, give me a call. My phone number is in the membership directory.

Thank you to our board members - Terry Hamilton (1st VP Programs), Cynthia Day-Elliott (2nd VP Membership) and Janice Miller (Director-Newsletter) for your service to our society. These members did more than their share of service to our society over the years. You are very much appreciated!

Welcome to our new board members joining us - Melanie Heath, Cheryl Simmons and Nina Gustin.

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

• Message from Incoming Newsletter Editor •

I was honored to be asked by Questing Heirs President Christina “Tina” McKillip to be the new newsletter editor. I realize that I have some mighty big shoes to fill after looking at the wonderful job that Janice Miller did over these last few years. I can only hope that I can meet your expectations. With that said, I am open to suggestions about items of interest from you the members of this great genealogical group. If you have a particular blog that you like reading or a new way of researching, I would love to hear from you and share it with the other members. Personally, I do most of my research in Florida, Cuba and Spain and have found myself with some interesting family stories. If you would like to share your interesting family story, I would love to write about it and share it with the group. You can reach out to me at tamparoots@gmail.com with any ideas that you may have.

Cheryl Simmons

• QHGS Membership Renewal Reminder •



The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Your dues help fund speakers and other activities throughout the year. Please complete the form on page 4 when you have a moment. Because we are not meeting in person right now, please mail the completed membership renewal form and your check to our post office box at: Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, PO Box 15102, Long Beach, CA 90815-0102

There were 31 participants at the December Zoom meeting

AmazonSmile Fundraiser

If you shop on Amazon.com, please sign up for AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a way for Questing Heirs to receive charitable donations from our members every time you shop. It is very simple to get started.

- Visit smile.amazon.com
- Sign in with your Amazon credentials
- Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice. If you wish to select our society, choose Questing Heirs Genealogical Society
- Start Shopping
- Don't forget to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile

Choosing this option to shop with AmazonSmile helps Questing Heirs fund our monthly speakers.

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Member application or renewal

- I am a New member
- Current member renewing

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone () _____

E-Mail Address _____

Member Type: Individual (\$30) \$ _____
 Family (\$45) \$ _____
 Donation (\$10) \$ _____
 Total Paid \$ _____

To continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please add a donation of \$10 to your renewal. This will help cover the cost of the printing and postage costs for the year.
 Thank you.

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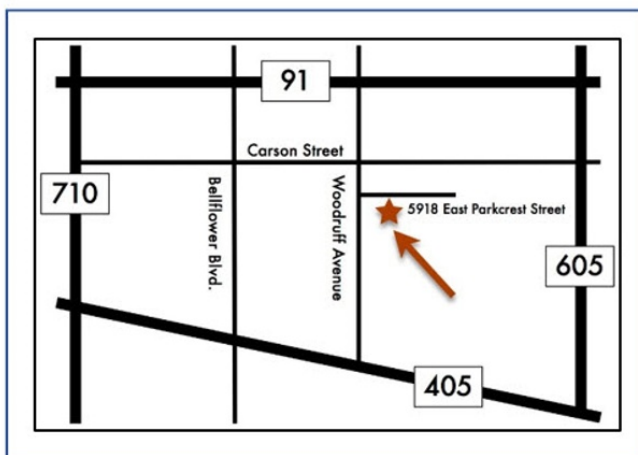
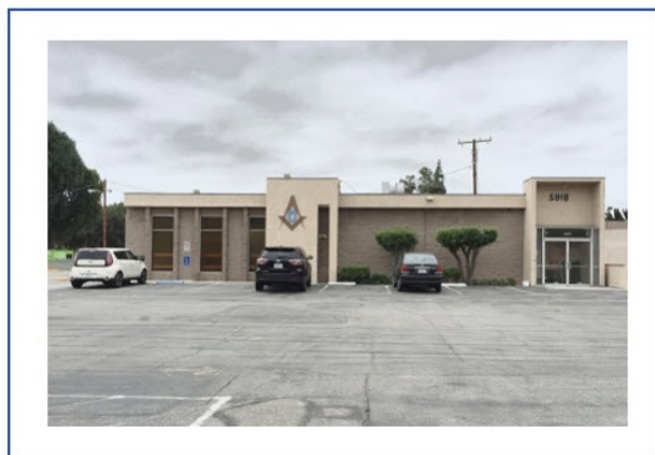
Beginning in 2021 the membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

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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- Digital Archivist.....Barbara Cooper and Cynthia Day-Elliott
- Research/HistorianTina Yanis
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- WebmasterMike Powers

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