

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

Our next hybrid meeting is January 15, 2023 and will begin at 2:00 PM. This meeting will meet in person at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church or you can attend via Zoom. Masks are recommended and we ask if you are not feeling well to please join the meeting 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.

Look for us on the Web:

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

or on Facebook:

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

QHGS is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Donations are tax-deductible.

**Our Guest Speaker is Sara Cochran presenting on:
Two Steps Forward, One Step Back:
Is this Genealogy or the Cha-Cha?**

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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 7 when you have a moment and 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

QHGS President's Message

Happy New Year!

Our December meeting was fantastic and I learned a lot about using Facebook to meet and add more cousins. Thank you Diana Transue!

As we begin a new year, please reach out to the board, on what subjects our presenters should focus on in 2023. Since we now hold hybrid meetings, we can reach far and wide for any subject.

I can always be reached at hammytl@aol.com.

Happy Hunting!

Terry Hamilton

January 15, 2023 Speaker

Sara Cochran, presenting on: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Is this Genealogy or the Cha-Cha?



Revisiting and reevaluating our early research and home sources of information might seem like a waste of time, but often, it's the key to getting past a roadblock in our research. We'll discuss techniques for finding new clues in records we already have and look at several small case studies to see the value of taking the time to go backward in order to go forward.

Sara is a full-time professional genealogist with over twenty-eight years of research experience. Her research has taken her into nearly every State in the USA and Ireland, Italy, Austria, and Britain. She especially enjoys breaking down brick walls, discovering the stories of black sheep ancestors, and helping individuals preserve their photographic legacy.

Sara holds a Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate, a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science, and is an alum of the ProGen Study Group. She is a member of DAR and other lineage societies, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Genealogical Speakers Guild. She also volunteers at the National Archives Riverside office.

You can find her online at TheSkeletonWhisperer.com.

Member Stories & Contributions

Read any good books lately?

FROM THE FAMILY KITCHEN

Discover Your Food Heritage and Preserve Favorite Recipes

by Gena Philibert-Ortega

This is a gem of a social history by Gena Philibert-Ortega, a genealogist we've all enjoyed listening to at past Questing Heirs meetings.

Want to know what your ancestors ate? And why? In the chapter titled Oysters, Peacocks, and Green Jell-O, the author writes "Knowing the foods that your ancestors enjoyed eating or had to eat when times were tough or food was limited will help you better understand the everyday life of our ancestors." This is a fascinating read and a great resource. Curious about American Chop Suey? Need a recipe for Turtle Soup? Roast Squirrel in your culinary sights?

This book starts with a section on discovering your family's food heritage, includes a wonderful assortment of historical recipes, and ends with a journal to record your own family recipes. Philibert-Ortega also provides a helpful glossary for deciphering old cooking terms. I'd heard of bushels and pecks, and my father measured with a jigger, but I'd never heard of a gill (1/2 cup), and in our super-sized society it's hard to equate 1 wineglassful with 1/4 cup.

Of course, one of my favorite parts is the recipes. While I'm not planning to make Sweet-Bread Salad or Suet Pudding anytime soon, there's an intriguing 1917 recipe for Grape Catsup (which the submitter hails as delicious with cold pork). Johnny Cakes show up in two recipes (one baked, one fried), and from a 1911 community cookbook there's a very heavenly-sounding Scripture Cake (complete with Bible references). And who could pass up something called Rinktum Diddy? My early New England forebears are said to have liked it and it sounds good to my twenty-first century tastes.

Preserving our food heritage puts meat on the bones of our family stories. A few years ago I made a 20-page Shutterfly book of recipes, devoting one page to each relative with their photo, a brief food bio, and their favorite recipe to make or request. Philibert-Ortega's book will have you digging in boxes for old recipe collections and thinking about recording your own tasty treasures.

Reviewed by Bridget Dole

Upcoming January Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars : Upcoming January 2023 Webinars](#)

(Click on the above link to register for any of the webinars below)

All times listed are PDT

The 5 steps to organizing your DNA in 2023

Diahan Southard, Wed, Jan 4, 2023: 11:00 AM PST

Staying organized in your genetic genealogy research could mean the difference between celebrating the toppling of a brick wall, and beating your head against that same brick wall. Let's chat about how our DNA testing companies are making it even easier for you to keep your DNA organized in 2023.

MyHeritage's Latest Photo Innovations

Tal Erlichman, Tue, Jan 10, 2023: 11:00 AM PST

MyHeritage never stops innovating, especially in the area of working with historical photos. Discover the latest and greatest photo innovations from MyHeritage.

Proving Identity: Telling Two Same-Named People Apart

Robyn Smith, Wed, Jan 11, 2023: 5:00 PM PST

Genealogy records are full of people living in the same place with the same name. How can you discern which one refers to your ancestor? We can't rely on just names; we've got to prove identity. In this lecture, Robyn explains the concept and provides guidelines to ensure that we don't confuse our ancestor with others in the community.

Document Analysis: Digging into Details

Angela Packer McGhie, CG, Tue, Jan 17, 2023: 5:00 PM PST

Analyzing documents for reliability, context, and information can help solve challenging research problems. Genealogists mine documents for information and clues to other records. They evaluate the details in the records looking for evidence to answer research questions. This session will demonstrate how to analyze documents and provide a list of questions to use in your own analysis.


MyHeritage: Your Personal Genealogy Archive

Melissa Barker, Tue, Jan 24, 2023: 11:00 AM PST

Many of us are not able to travel to those places where our ancestors lived to do genealogy research. This should not deter us from finding information about our ancestors. MyHeritage can be your "home away from home" online archive to help you find information on your ancestors. Learn from a seasoned genealogist and archivist how to find archived records on MyHeritage from home.

Check out the amazing classes that have been scheduled for January! If you would like to know more information about a class, click on the link below.

<https://www.familysearch.org/.../family.../orangecounty>

			
Date	Time	Description	Teacher
Thursdays	6-7:30 pm	Genius Hour	Zoom & Library
Thursdays	10 am – 2 pm	Family Tree Charts Suitable for Framing	Howard Lambert
10	3 pm	FamilySearch Get Involved	Janis Chandler
12	7 pm	Creating Family History Art	Sharon Nicholl
12	7 pm	Youth Class	Amy Johnston
19	7 pm	Taking Your Ancestors to the Temple	Brent Meredith
21	10 am – 2 pm	African American Study Group	Library & Zoom
21	1 pm	Roots Magic	Library
21	2 pm	How to Digitize <i>old</i> 8mm film and VHS Tapes	Larry Nicholl
24	3 pm	Intro to FamilySearch	Brent Meredith
26	7 pm	Creating Family History Art	Sharon Nicholl
26	7 pm	How to Digitize <i>old</i> 8mm film and VHS Tapes	Larry Nicholl

Social time fun at our December meeting.



L-R Bob Prager and Tina McKillip, Jerry Estes-Hardison and Diana Transue, Sandy McDonald and Terry Hamilton, Tina Yanis



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- Digital Archivist.....Diana Transue and Cynthia Day-Elliott
- Research/HistorianTina Yanis
- Refreshments.....Sandy Hollandsworth
- Social Media/Facebook Coordinator.....Diana Transue
- WebmasterMike Powers

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must be received by noon on January 25, 2023.**

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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 _____

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Member Type: Individual (\$30) \$ _____

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The 2023 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): _____
