

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

• **Our December Meeting** •

December 15, 2019

Installation of Officers

QHGS Potluck and

'Heroes, Rascals and Ne'er-Do-Wells.'

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 \$45 per year for a family.

Look for us on the Web:

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

or on Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/QuestingHeirs/)

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• **DECEMBER THOUGHT** •

What are your genealogy goals for 2020? Are you going to interview a relative? Maybe you are going to schedule time each week to do research. A friend told me that she was going to work on one family line that she didn't know much about.

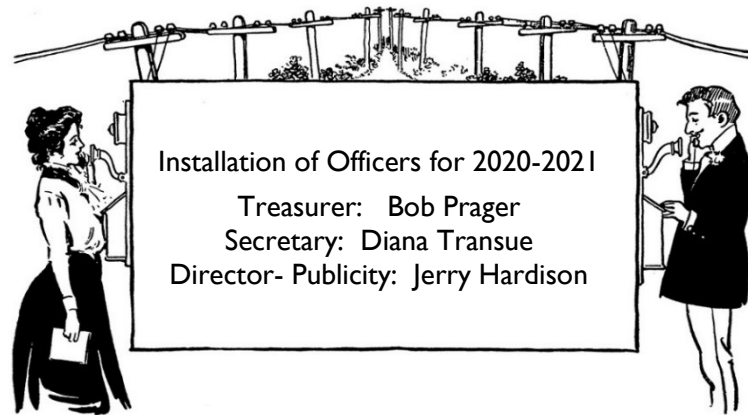
Whatever your goal may be, we wish you luck with it in 2020.

• Our December Meeting •

Installation of Officers, Potluck and Member Sharing Time

Join us and share one of your favorite family dishes with your Questing Heirs friends at our annual potluck. In December, we will gather to install our new QHGS officers, share stories and eat great food. Plates, utensils and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite food. The December meeting is always a great time to connect with fellow genealogy enthusiasts and share experiences.

The program section of December's meeting is **'Heroes, Rascals and Ne'er-Do-Wells**. You all know who those folks are in your family. Tell us about one of yours. If you are interested, please be ready to say a few words about your ancestor. I am looking forward to hearing about everyone's hero, rascal or ne'er-do-well. Participation is voluntary.



•QHGS President's Message •

After hearing Linda Serna's presentation on Polish research, I feel a bit more confident in trying to start my own Polish and German family research. How about you? Thank you Linda!

Thank you to the volunteers we have on our board - current, new and returning. We can't keep this society going without you. This past year, several societies have either closed or merged with larger societies. This could be our future if we don't get new volunteers. Two members volunteered at our last meeting to do scanning of our archives. Thank you very much and I will be in touch.

Hope to see you all at our December meeting where we will share each other's company with some fantastic food. You can't experience this on the internet. If we miss seeing you, have a great holiday season.

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

• Cup of Coffee Question •



Your newsletter editor was not able to attend the November meeting so in December we will have the 'Cup of Coffee Question' published in November. As a reminder it is shown below.

Read the following article 'Why didn't people smile in old photos?' on the website **Old Photo Archive** to uncover the real reason and debunk the myths. To read the article, follow this link:

<http://oldphotoarchive.com/stories/why-didnt-people-smile-in-old-photos>

According to this article, what is the real reason your ancestor did not smile? A winning entry will be picked from the correct answers at the next meeting. Win a \$10 gift card for courtesy of Janice Miller.

- _____ Life was hard
- _____ People had bad teeth
- _____ They thought smiling made them look silly
- _____ Long exposure times

• Free Vital Records PDF Cheat Sheet •

Family Tree Magazine often posts 'Genealogy Record Reference Cheat Sheets'. This month, we are highlighting the Vital Records Chart.

The dates on this chart are the years that each state began collection official vital records. Some counties and towns within the state may have collections prior to these dates within each state. An example of what you will find on the Vital Records Chart is:

State	Birth Records	Marriage Records	Death Records
Alabama	1908	1936	1908
Alaska	1913	1913	1913
Arizona	1909	1909	1909

To download this form, you can fill out a simple form with your email address at

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/recordreferences/>

Family Tree Magazine has other free forms at <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms/>

On this page you will find multiple forms under the following categories:

- ✓ Marriage Form
- ✓ Basic Charts and Worksheets
- ✓ Research Trackers and Organizer
- ✓ Census Forms
- ✓ Immigration Forms
- ✓ Record Worksheets
- ✓ Oral History and Heirlooms
- ✓ Create Your Own City Guide



Sunday, January 19
Sunday, February 16
Sunday, March 15
Sunday, April 19
Sunday, May 17
Sunday, June 21
Sunday, July 19
Sunday, August 16
Sunday, September 20
Sunday, October 18
Sunday, November 15
Sunday, December 20

• Genealogy Book and Blogs about the Censuses •

I recently purchased the book The Census Book: Facts, Schedules & Worksheets for the U.S. Federal Census by William Dollarhide. The second edition of this book was published in 2019. After reviewing a few preview images of this 245-page book online, my curiosity was peaked. If you want to know more about census records of all kinds, this is a wonderful reference book that includes many record images. You'll may find facts that you did not know within the pages about census records.

William Dollarhide has also written a number of blogs about the censuses. They are packed with links to records and are well worth the read. Here are just a few that might interest you.

'Substitute Name Lists for the Lost 1890 Federal Census' (parts 1 & 2):
<https://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=41927> and <https://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=41997>

'Are You Reading the Originals?' Reading Federal Census Records, Census Copies, etc.
<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=24002>

• Learning Opportunities •

Family Tree Webinars

December 11 – 'Grandma's Obituary Box: The Use of Obituaries in Genealogical Research and Their Role in American Culture' by Pam Stone Eagleson.

December 17 – 'Marriages Here, There, and Nowhere: Finding Gretna Greens and Borders' by J. Mark Lowe

December 18 – 'How to Trace Your UK Ancestry' by Kirsty Gray

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

Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars

December 7 – 'European Surnames and How They Can Help in Genealogical Research' by Julie Goucher

For more information: <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

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>
- ✓ RootsTech 2020 in Salt Lake City runs February 26 to February 29. Conference registration and hotel reservations are going on. For more information see <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>



Long time Questing Heirs member Helen (Helene) Smith passed away in August 2019. She always had a smile for everyone and generously shared her genealogy knowledge with other members.

Helene was much-loved and a member for twenty-nine years. We will miss Helene.

TREASURER REPORT by Christine Elia (July-September 2019)

Income: \$1,476.13

Expenses: \$1,909.64

F&M checking balance: \$3,622.86 of which \$442.06 is restricted to educational expenses.

F&M and Fidelity savings balance: \$21,131.75

As you do your Christmas shopping, don't forget to do your Amazon shopping by first going through the link at <http://qhgs.info/shop>. As an Amazon Associate, Questing Heirs will get a referral commission for qualified purchases and it doesn't cost you anything!



• Have You Renewed Your QHGS Membership? •

If you have already renewed your QHGS membership, thank you so much. Your membership fee helps Questing Heirs Genealogical Society to fund speakers and other activities throughout the year.

REMINDER: If you have not renewed your QHGS membership by the December 15th meeting, this newsletter will be the last edition you receive. There is still time to fill in the form on the following page and return it at the December meeting or mail it to the address at the bottom of the newsletter page.

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 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	\$ _____
	Total Paid	\$ _____

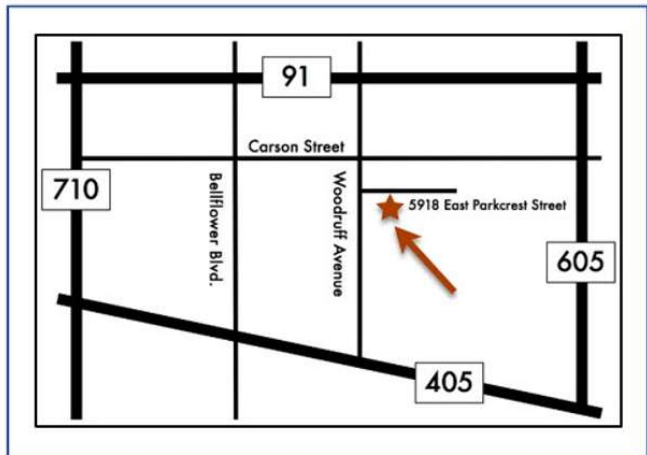
The membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st.

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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QHGS Volunteer Positions

- Digital Archivist.....Vacant
- Research/Historian.....Tina Yanis
- RefreshmentsSandy Hollandsworth
- Social Media/Facebook CoordinatorLaurie Angel
- Webmaster.....John McCoy

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