

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**Our next meeting will be
February 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM with social
time beginning at 12:30 PM**

**‘I Don’t Remember Her Alive But I
Remember Her Dead’
with Mary Anne Vincent**

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.

Currently the meetings are being held via Zoom due to the on-going pandemic. Please check the website for more information

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

Classes of Interest

Conference Keeper has a list of genealogy classes from across the US that may be of interest. You can find the list at [Genealogy Events Calendar | Live - Virtual - Conferences - Seminars - Workshops and more - \(conferencekeeper.org\)](http://www.conferencekeeper.org)

Look for us on the Web:

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

or on Facebook:

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

Virtual Roots Tech (Free)

February 25-27, 2021

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

Sign up at rootstech.org. Scheduled guest speakers include Lorena Ochoa (Ladies Pro Golfer), Francesco Lotoro (Pianist, Composer and Conductor), Sharon Morgan, (Founder of Our Black Ancestry) and Nick Vujicic (International Motivational Speaker).



Mark Your Calendars

Family History Library Webinar Schedule for February 2021

- 2/1/21– Using the FamilySearch Catalog (Beginner)
- 2/2/21– Overview of FamilySearch (Beginner)
- 2/4/21– The Tired, the Poor, and the Huddled Masses: U.S. Immigration 1820-1954 (Beginner)
- 2/18/21 – African American Records and Strategies: Post -1865 (Beginner)

All meetings begin at 9 AM PST. Please visit

http://familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule to sign up for the class of your choice.

February Speaker



For most of her adult life Mary Anne Vincent has been an educator in a variety of settings: public and parochial schools, incarcerated youth, charter school students and students who are home schooled.

Mary Anne has served on the Board of Directors for the Corona Genealogical Society and the California State Genealogical Alliance. She is also the proofreader for newsletters of the Corona society and the Delaware Genealogical Society. In the past few years, using a self-publishing company, she has published three family histories on her father's side, one on her mother's side, and a volume of transcribed letters her maternal grandfather received during

his time in the Spanish-American War. An anthology of works by and about her great-great grandfather Francis Vincent will be published in late February.

“There have been as many plagues as wars in history; yet plagues and wars always take people by surprise.”
Albert Camus, *The Plague*

In the past hundred years there have been quite a number of epidemics and pandemics: flu, polio, Legionnaires, AIDS, Ebola, and Zika among them. But the worst was the flu pandemic of 1918 which killed more people than World War I. We will look at its history in the United States and the world, as well as its impact on our society.

Some reference materials currently available at the Long Beach Library:

Brown, Jeremy, *Influenza: The hundred year hunt to cure the deadliest disease in history*

Davis, Kenneth, *More deadly than war: the hidden history of the Spanish flu*

Desjardin, Skip, *September 1918: war, plague, and the World Series*

Honigsbaum, Mark, *The Pandemic Century*

Kolata, Gina, *Flu: the story of the great influenza pandemic of 1918*

Marrin, Albert, *Very, very, very dreadful: the influenza pandemic of 1918*

Spinney, Laura, *Pale Rider: the Spanish flu of 1918 and how it changed the world*



QHGS President's Message



Come join us this month on Zoom to hear about the 1918 Pandemic. I heard this presentation at another society meeting last month and it was fantastic!

A big thank you to our members who have renewed their membership. We recently changed our membership year to January thru December. If you happened to renew in the last few months of 2020, then you are good thru December 2021.

A special thanks to members who have added a donation with their membership renewal. It is very much appreciated.

Things to do while we are staying at home:

- 1) Sign up for a webinar (most are free) from the lists in this newsletter
- 2) Sign up for Roots Tech to be held online for FREE at the end of February
- 3) Watch free videos on You Tube related to genealogy, DNA and other genealogy related topics
- 4) Volunteer to index records at www.familysearch.org
- 5) Volunteer to research at www.unclaimedpersons.org

This is the time for a lot of free education about genealogy and/or DNA and a time to give back by volunteering.

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

Treasurer's Report

By Bob Prager

(October – December 2020)

Income: \$115.05

Expenses: \$1024.85

F&M Checking Balance: \$2,633.09

Fidelity Balance: \$21,499.93

At the January 2021 meeting there were 24 members and 2 visitors who attended via Zoom.

The Good Cemeterian

It all began when in 2015 Andrew Lumish stumbled upon an old and historic cemetery in Downtown Tampa, Florida and he realized that the final resting places for many of our courageous Veterans were long forgotten.

Andrew enjoys a love of photography and he started his cemetery restoration journey through documenting the beauty and rich history within the walls of outdoor cathedrals through his thought provoking imagery.

Initially intrigued by the unique artistry of the old and weathered monuments, he was moved and motivated to research the proper restoration techniques and products used at our National cemeteries here in the United States and her territories. After restoring a few monuments he quickly understood that this was a calling and made it his life's goal to continue on this mission which grew to include researching each individual and recalling their life stories.

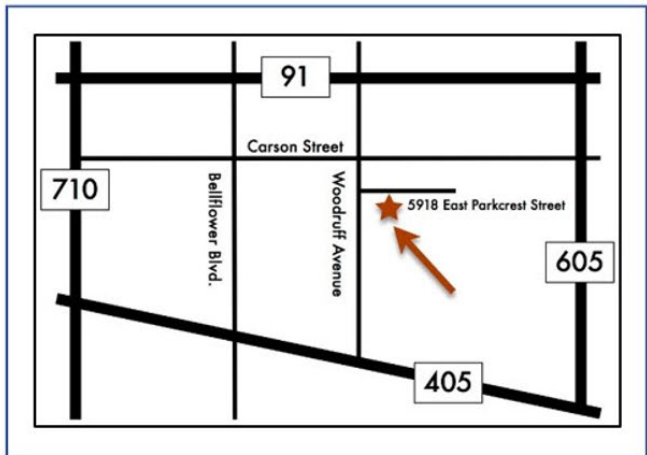
Most of my genealogy research is centered around the State of Florida, mostly in the Tampa and Key West areas. Imagine to my surprise in November 2018 to find a Facebook page called The Good Cemeterian and finding the grave of a cousin who had died of the Spanish flu in 1918. She had died within days of her mother, my great-grand Aunt Amalia. I found where The Good Cemeterian had cleaned and restored the grave of not only Rosa Valdes but they had also recently cleaned and restored the grave of her mother Amalia Mira de Valdes in January 2021.



Both of these graves above are located within feet of each other at Woodlawn Cemetery in Tampa, FL. On the Facebook page for The Good Cemeterian ([2\) The Good Cemeterian | Facebook](#) and their website [The Good Cemeterian](#) you will find information on how to clean the headstones and you will also see the different headstones that they have cleaned and restored.

Their Facebook page and their website gives instructions on how to clean these fragile grave stones and what they use. I recommend you take a look at either site. You will not be disappointed.

Cheryl Simmons



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