

QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**Next Meeting is Via Zoom on
October 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM
With Social Time Starting at 12:30 PM**

**Guest Speaker is:
Christine Cohen Presenting On:**

“WWW.DAR.org”

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held
on the third Sunday of the month
at 1:00 p.m.

**Please note that
Meetings are virtual due to
the pandemic at this time**

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

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

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• Our October Speaker – Christine Cohen •

Daughters of the American Revolution

“WWW.DAR.org”



Christine Cohen is a long time member of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS), where she has served in many capacities, including President. In addition to WAGS, she is 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.

Her interest in genealogy began in 1977 with the airing of the TV mini-series “Roots” and she was piqued when she found a typed pedigree chart of her Dutch heritage from the New Netherlands in the 1660’s. Christine is a native Californian, a graduate of UCLA in Political Science and has worked for Vitol Aviation Company since 1993.

QHGS President’s Message



For those who missed our September meeting, Ron Gilmore spoke about Griffith's Valuation. It was very informative and he took us through several searches using different methods.

Check out: www.askaboutireland.ie AND www.rosdavies.com

Each month our newsletter editor lists a lot of free webinars. I have taken advantage of many of these webinars to the point that I feel like I can't listen to another one. That feeling lasts about a day or two until I get the urge to learn more.

A few days ago, I attended a couple free webinars from the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society in Medford, Oregon. In the presentation, the speaker showed an example of two families from Harlan County, KY named Brock and Saylor. I almost fell out of my chair as my Lawson family from Bell County (next to Harlan) has ties to both these families. Waiting for her to contact me.

Questing Heirs is still looking for someone to take over the duties of our Social Media/Facebook page administrator. Our society is only able to continue as long as we have volunteers.

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

Christina "Tina" McKillip

FAMILYSEARCH COMPLETES MASSIVE MICROFILM DIGITIZATION PROJECT

by [Laurie Bradshaw](#)



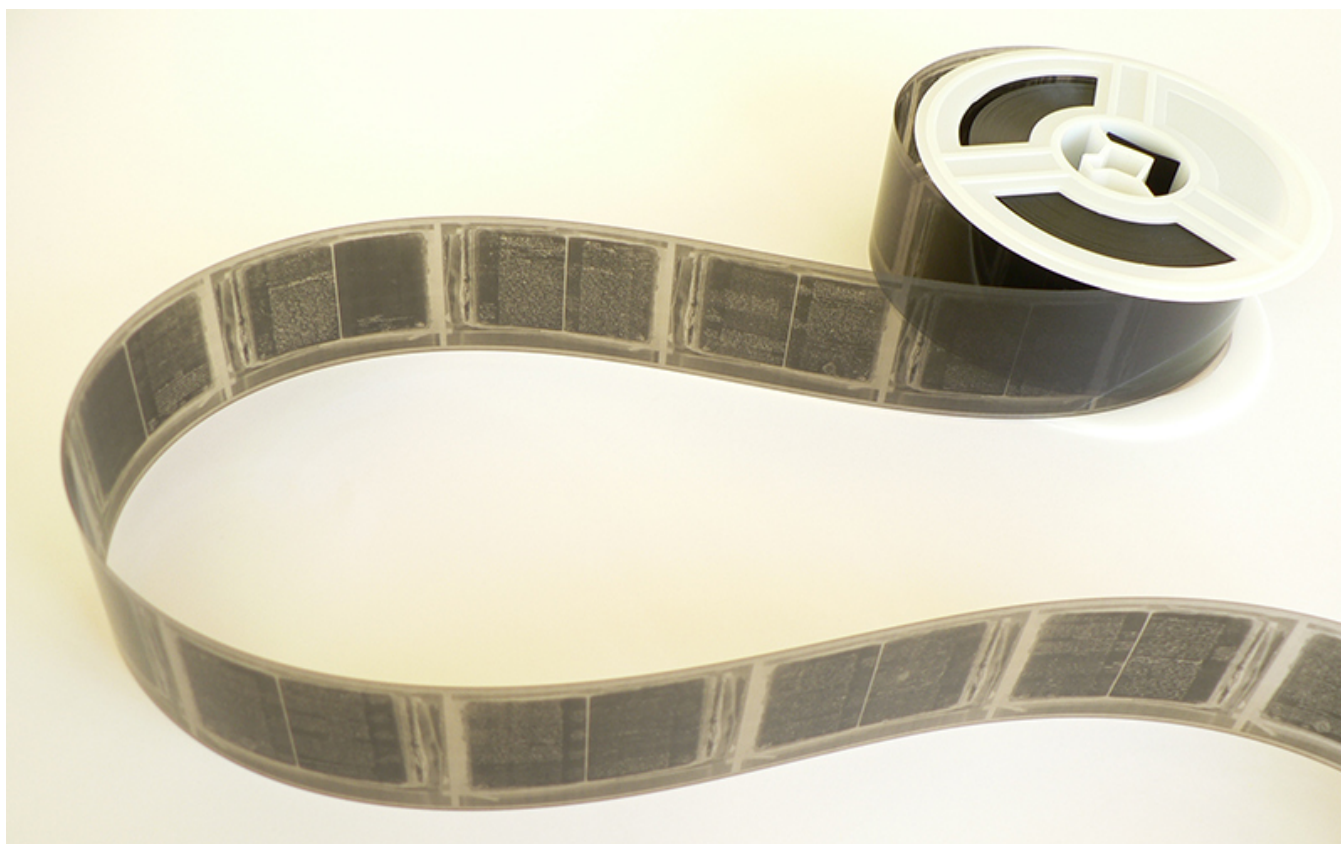
Huge news: after 83 years of filming the world's historical genealogical records, FamilySearch has completed digitizing its 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. The best part? The archive, which contains information on more than 11.5 billion individuals, is now available for free on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).

Over 200 countries and principalities and more than 100 languages are included in the digitized documents. All types of genealogically significant records are included—censuses, births, marriages, deaths, probate, Church, immigration, and more. Now that the project is completed, it's much easier for users to find members of their family tree and make personal discoveries within these records.

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Want to check out these digitized microfilms for yourself? Explore FamilySearch's free collections of indexed records and images by going to [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org), and then search both "Records" and "Images." The [Images feature](#) will let you browse digitized images from the microfilm collection and more. You will need a FamilySearch account to access digitized records—but don't worry, signing up is completely free!

[Create a FamilySearch Account](#)



WHAT IS MICROFILM?

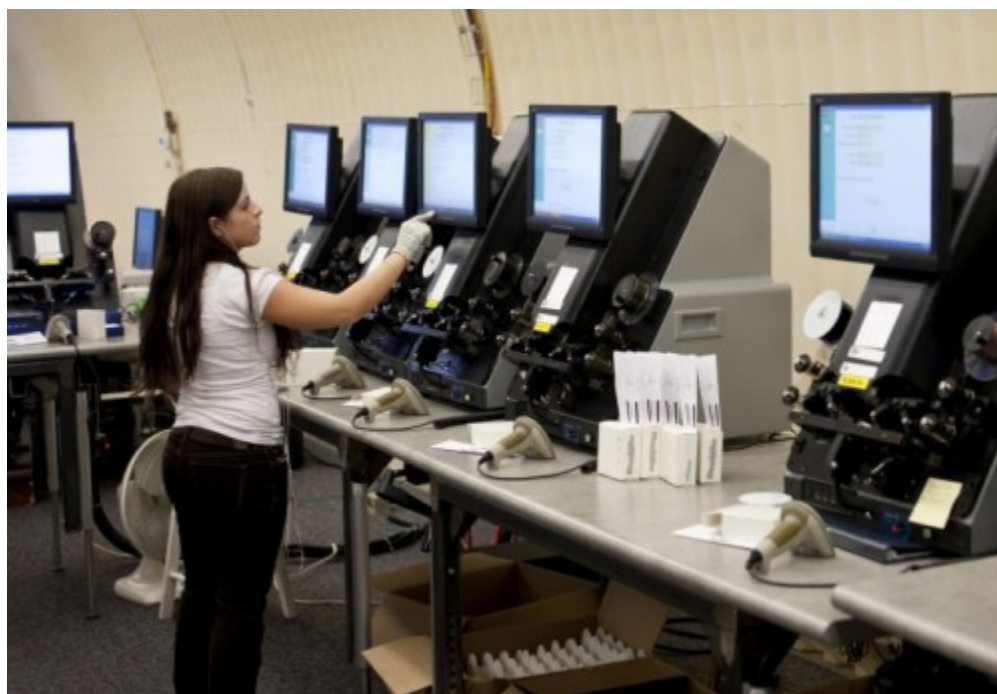
A microfilm is a roll of film, like what would be used in an old camera—it just holds a lot more images per roll. However, instead of storing photos of treasured memories and loved ones, microfilms are designed to store documents that are shrunk down into miniature. These historic records are captured on the roll of film and reduced in size for easier storage. Before digital preservation, microfilm was an effective and space-conscious way to preserve historic documents and make them widely accessible.

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Microfilm has been used [since 1839](#), but its biggest breakthrough and popularization occurred in 1928.

FamilySearch, back when it was still called the [Genealogical Society of Utah](#), began microfilming in 1938. It was one of the first major organizations to embrace the use of microfilm imaging for long-term record preservation. FamilySearch's microfilm collection eventually grew to more than 2.4 million rolls.

FamilySearch ended its microfilm distribution to family history centers in September 2017 when it began its transition to a free, all-digital, online access approach. FamilySearch's physical microfilm collection will continue to be preserved, but the information that the rolls contain can now be easily viewed and searched online.



TECHNOLOGY ALLOWS FOR RAPID MICROFILM DIGITIZATION

In 1998, FamilySearch began digitizing its microfilm collection—a project that, at the time, was anticipated to take over 50 years to complete. However, advances in technology cut the estimated time to completion by nearly 30 years.

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Microfilm scanning began with about 5 employees. As the process developed and evolved, it grew to as many as 30 employees using 26 scanners. This work continued even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FamilySearch is committed to collecting, preserving, and providing access to the world's genealogical records to help individuals and families worldwide discover and connect with their family histories. It continues to capture the images of original records at an ever-increasing rate—but digitally, bypassing the need to transfer the information from film.



Although the digitization of FamilySearch's microfilm collection is completed, the digitization of new records worldwide continues. FamilySearch is also working to outsource the digitization of its large microfiche collection, which should be completed several years from now. Check out FamilySearch's digitized microfilm collection—and all of its other freely accessible record collections!

Upcoming Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

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

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

**Born a Slave: Rediscovering Arthur Jackson's African American Heritage
by David W. Jackson**

Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 11 AM PDT

A Cargo of Criminals: Transportation to Australia by Carol Baxter

Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 6 PM PDT

DNA Health Tests and Your Family Health History by Rick Crume

Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 11 AM PDT

Context: A Powerful Tool for Problem Solving by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL

Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 8 AM PDT

**Seven Immigration Methodologies, with Case Studies Across the Centuries
By David S. Ouimette, CG, CGL**

Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 9:15 AM PDT

Investigate the Neighborhood to Advance Your Research by Melinda Henningfield, CG

Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM PDT

**What am I missing? Recognizing Research Holes in Available Sources
by Patti Lee Hobbs, CG**

Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 12:30 PM PDT

Using Mind Mapping as a Visual Research Plan by Amy Larner Giroux, PhD., CG, CGL

Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 1:45 PM PDT

Private Land Claims – Complicated? Yes, but worth it!

By Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA

Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 3 PM PDT

Recent updates to MyHeritage's historical record search engine by Mike Mansfield

Tue, October 12, 2021 at 11 AM PDT

Navigating Your Way Through FamilySearch by Cyndi Ingle

Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 5 PM PDT

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars (Continued)

My ancestors were Irish – or were they? By Natalie Bodle

Fri, October 15 2021 at 11: AM PDT

My 20 Year Mystery – Finding family origins with Y-DNA by Shellee Morehead, PhD, CG

Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM PDT

Comparing the Genealogy Giants 2021: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage by Sunny Morton

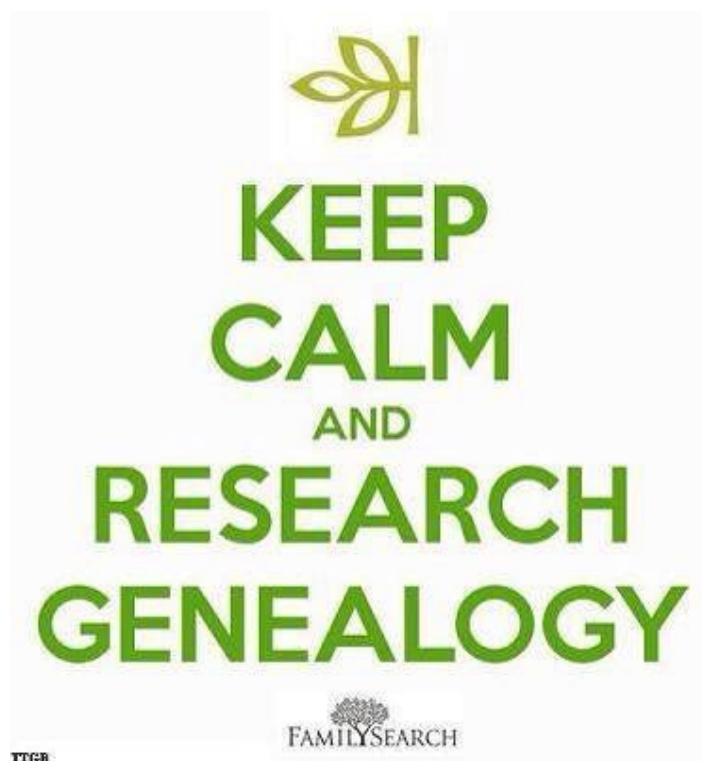
Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 11 AM PDT

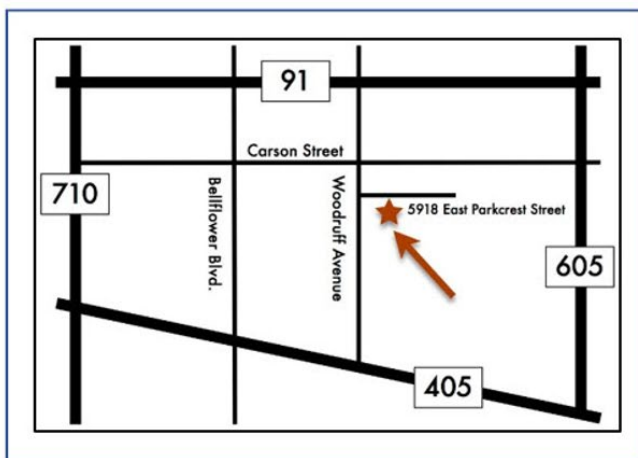
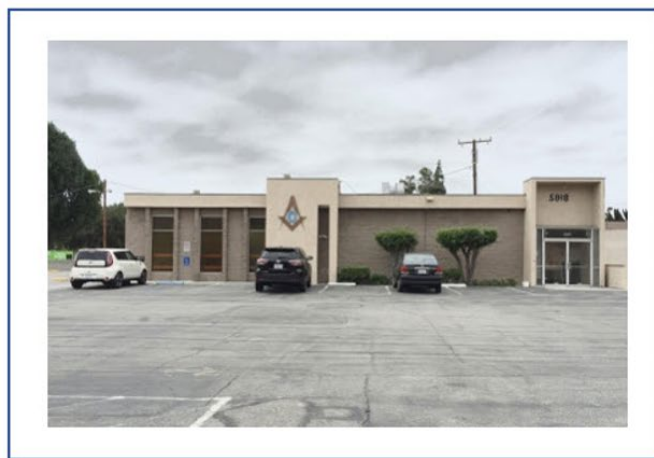
Building Family Trees for Your DNA Matches by Mary Eberle, JD

Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 11 AM

Tech with Thomas by Thomas MacEntee

Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 11 AM





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“Genealogists don’t get Alzheimer’s they just lose their census.”

~Unknown