

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

**Next Meeting is Via Zoom on
December 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

**This meeting will be used to share our
genealogical finds during 2021. We would love
to hear your stories!**

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 and are held
via Zoom**

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

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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 6 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

QHGS President's Message

by: Christina "Tina" McKillip



Last month I talked about writing stories down for our descendants. Social media can be an easy way of doing this and the advantage is that the story is shared with other family members along with friends. Lastly, it is there forever for someone in the future to find.

I wrote this memory on Thanksgiving last year. It was one of my favorite childhood memories. Writing this on Facebook was easy and posting a photo was easy too.

I started thinking of Thanksgiving when I was a child. My sister and I went to Grandma and Grandpa's house in Lynwood and waited for the best meal ever. Grandma started off serving us an antipasto plate. I loved the meats, cheeses and olives. Next we either had lasagna or rigatoni (my Dad's favorite) with meatballs. Her sauce was fantastic! Next came Grandma's simple salad including escarole from the garden. Then she put out whole nuts to crack with the nutcracker and that device was something to master. Oranges followed and my Dad would peel off the skin in sections, cut it with a paring knife and make teeth out of them. Of course we had a giggle over his artistry. Then Grandma came with this funny coffee pot and teeny tiny cups on saucers. Nothing for kids to drink but I wondered why it looked different. It was demitasse. This is my memory of Thanksgiving and as a bonus, she did a repeat at Christmas. A couple of times there was a turkey and that was disappointing as I looked forward to this meal of several courses. Cheers to Grandma Bertha and her culinary skills. Here she is in her garden tending to her tomatoes.



Now I challenge you to write a quick memory and add it to whatever medium you use - desktop tree, online tree or social media.

Happy Holidays to all!

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

The following were elected at our November meeting to the
2022-2023 Board of Directors:

Secretary: Bridget Dole
Treasurer: Bob Prager
Director of Publicity: Diana Transue
Past President: Sandy McDonald

** Note: Tina McKillip's name was put in last month's newsletter
by mistake. She still has one year left in her current term.

Thank you to the new and returning Board of Directors. Your service is very much appreciated.

A Pearl Harbor Connection

By Cynthia Day-Elliott

As we get ready to observe the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, yes 80 years, I'd like to share my Father-in-Law's unique relationship to that date.



Richard Elliott

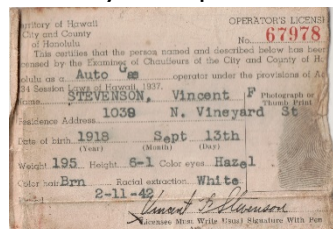
On Nov 28, 1941, Richard Elliott (20), his nephew Jim Millhouse (22), his Uncle William Reynolds (57) along with his future brother-in-law, Vincent Stevenson, (23) set sail on the S.S. Lurline for pipefitter jobs in Wake Island with the Pacific Naval Air Bases. They landed in Honolulu T.H. for a few days lay over and little did they know what was to come on December 7, 1941.



Vincent Stevenson

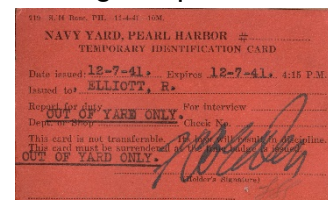
As Rich told it, after the horror of the devastation from the attack, he and many others took turns waiting in line for three days to be able to call home so his mother Myrtle, and his fiancée, Gloria, would know his status. Rich, Jim, Vincent and William were only allowed three minutes per call. All Rich's mother did was cry when she received the call from him.

Obviously, their plans to continue to Wake Island was now not an option, so while awaiting transportation back



Vince's Hawaii Operator License

to the mainland, the men found work, mostly with the Navy doing cleanup. Rich and Vincent drove huge diesel dump trucks capable of holding 35 tons that were used to clear debris from the harbor. Life began to return to normal on the islands and Rich who had been a good basketball player in high school played basketball on one of the island



Rich's Navy Yard ID

teams. Several articles were found in a scrap book about him playing on a team and how the team did in league play on the islands.

It took about nine months to get back to the mainland and I was able to find a record of his return, on August 15, 1942 to San Francisco. Then, on September 20, 1942 Rich married his



Rich driving dump truck

fiancée Gloria and shortly after joined the Army in November 1942. He served in the European theater in the 100th Evacuation Hospital, and was part of a "MASH" unit. As he described it, he waited until the person in charge pointed to a spot on the ground then he, and others, set up the unit. His military record tells a much more detailed account of his many duties. The hospital followed various armies from

Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Germany, including the liberation of a concentration camp. He was honorably discharged on November 23, 1945 as a Staff Sergeant and was awarded the Bronze Star.



Rich and Gloria

Rich's now brother-in-law, Vincent, also joined the Army and became a paratrooper. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and his body carried the shrapnel he was wounded with for the rest of his life. Vincent was the recipient of a Purple Heart.

In my opinion, these are two fine examples of Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation".

Upcoming Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

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

The Top Ten DNA Do's and Don'ts!
by Michelle Leonard

Wed, Dec. 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM PST

Documenting Families or Communities Lost in the Holocaust by Bullets
by Ellen Kowitt

Wed, Dec. 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM PST

A MyHeritage Webinar Series
by MyHeritage Webinars

Tues, Dec. 14, 2021 at 11:00 AM PST

Navigating the Nara Website
by Julie Miller, CG, CGL

Wed, Dec. 15, 2021 at 11:00 AM PST

Effective Use of England's National Archives Website
By Paul Milner

Fri, Dec. 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM PST

Uncovering Immigrant Origins Through Cluster Research
by Dana Palmer, CG, CGL

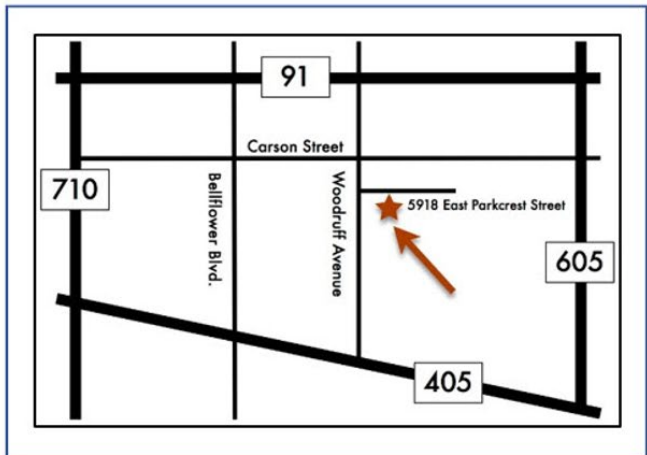
Tue, Dec. 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM PST

Our Neanderthal Genetic Ancestry
By Ugo Perego, PhD., MSc

Wed, Dec. 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM PST

• QHGS Meetings in 2022 •

January 16, 2022	May 15, 2022	September 18, 2022
February 20, 2022	June 19, 2022	October 16, 2022
March 20, 2022	July 17, 2022	November 20, 2022
April – No Meeting	August 21, 2022	December 18, 2022



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- Director– Publicity Open.....(2021)
- Past President..... Sandy McDonald.....(2021)

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- WebmasterMike Powers

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Areas of your research (countries/states/counties): _____

