

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

**Next Meeting is Via Zoom on
January 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM with Social
Time starting at 12:30 PM**

**Special Guest Speaker: Christine Cohen
presenting on the Grand Army of the Republic –
Researching Your Union Civil War Veterans**

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.

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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QHGS President's Message



Welcome to 2022! I am hoping it is a better year for everyone.

One event to look forward to is the April 1st release of the 1950 United States Census. Hopefully some of you will find yourself in the census for the first time. The census won't be indexed at its release but you can help with this process.

Go to the FamilySearch site at www.familysearch.org and click on "Indexing" at the top of the screen. You can sign up and help index the census. Instructions are easy and being a part of the process is very rewarding. I indexed about 6,000 names for the 1940 Census in 2012 because I knew the quicker it was indexed, the sooner we could all use it.

Following up on my earlier newsletter messages about social media, I wanted to share a story. On Facebook I joined a group from Jefferson County, New York where my paternal grandmother grew up. On this site we share stories and post queries about ancestors while locals join in to answer generic questions too.

I posted in June about my paternal grandmother Bertha Lawson's graduation announcement, her Valedictorian speech and included a photo of some of her classmates. A lady "liked" the photo and I noticed her maiden name. I asked her if she was related to Leta and she sent me a private message saying that Leta was her grandmother. My father had told me stories about Leta who was a family friend of his mother. The next day Loretta sent me photos of my grandmother that she had from her family collection. I confirmed that one photo was of Bertha with my father and his sister. Loretta is related by marriage thru at least two of my family lines. We are enjoying this connection as well as being able to identify photos. Now go find a group from your ancestors hometown and make a few posts and see what happens.

Thank you to all our board members for volunteering in 2021 to help our society. You are very much appreciated!

Christina "Tina" McKillip



Treasurer's Report By Bob Prager Oct-December 2021

Income: \$747.67
Expenses: \$429.00
F&M checking balance: \$2839.78
Fidelity balance: \$21504.32

January Speaker

Christine Cohen

Presenting on:

“Grand Army of the Republic – Researching Your Union Civil War Veterans”



Do you have a Union Civil War Veteran? Did you know that in 1890 there were over 400,000 Veterans who belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R)? This organization existed from 1866 to 1956. It generated records noting Civil War service, birth, marriage, death, residences, occupations, detailed biographies and even photographs. I will show you where and how to find these hidden gems.

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 Membership Renewal Reminder

The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Your dues help fund speakers such as Christine Cohen and other speakers throughout 2022. Please complete the form on page 6 when you have a moment. Dues are \$30 for an individual membership or \$45 for a family membership. 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

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 Only Thing You Need to Know About DNA and Genealogy
by Diahn Southard**

Wed, Jan. 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST

Researching During the Slave Era (1817-1865)

by Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy

Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST

DNA Labels

by Ran Snir

Tues, Jan. 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST

They Drew A Crooked Line and Formed a Border

by J. Mark Lowe, FUGA

Wed, Jan. 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST

Using Historical Fiction and Social History to Support Your Narrative

By Beth A Stahr, CG

Tue, Jan. 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM PST

An Additional 50 Websites Every Genealogist Should Know

by Gena Philibert-Ortega

Wed, Jan. 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST

Mexican Catholic Parish Records, Part I: Baptisms, Confirmations & Burials

By Collen Robledo Greene, MLIS

Fri, Jan. 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST

An Introduction to Tracing Your Greek Ancestry

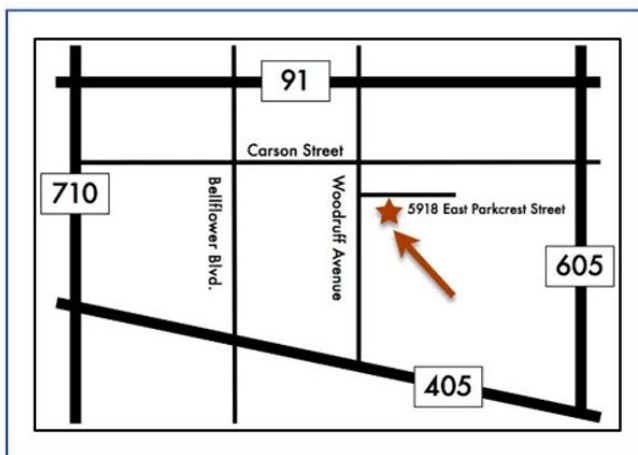
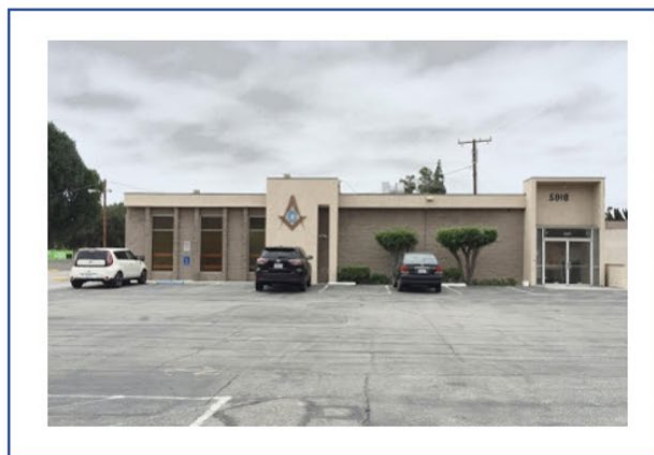
By Gregory Kontos

Wed, Jan. 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST

Education in Australia

By Cathie Sherwood

Mon, Jan. 31, 2022 at 5:00 PM PST



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Submissions for the February 2022 newsletter must be received by noon on January 25, 2022.

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QUESTING HEIRS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Member Application or Renewal

- I Am A New Member
- Current Member Renewing

Name _____

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Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip+4 _____

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The 2022 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): _____
