



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

Our next hybrid meeting is March 19, 2023 and will begin at 2:00 PM. This meeting will meet in person at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, or you can attend via Zoom. Masks are recommended and we ask if you are not feeling well to please join the meeting via Zoom.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

**St. Thomas of Canterbury
Episcopal Church
5306 E. Arbor Road
Long Beach, CA 90808
Between Bellflower Blvd. and
Clark next to Pan American
Park or via Zoom**

**Help with Brick Walls and Other Questions
Come to the March meeting and share!**

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

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 8 when you have a moment and 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

Look for us on the Web:
<http://www.qhgs.info/>
 or on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/QuestingHeirs/>

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QHGS President's Message

Greetings,

Join us for our March Q & A. The who, the what, the where, and why did you do it. Some of our mysteries may never be answered, but you never know what can be unearthed from someone else.

We will be making new name tags for our society. If you don't have one, please let us know. You will be able to keep your name tag and bring to each meeting.

Look forward to seeing you either in person or Zoom.

I can always be reached at hammytl@aol.com.

Happy Hunting!

Terry Hamilton

Treasurer's Report

By Bob Prager

As of January 31, our checking account balance was \$3329.32

Member Stories & Contributions

Read any good books lately?

GENTLEMEN VOLUNTEERS The Story of the American Ambulance Drivers in the First World War

By Arlen J. Hansen

When you run into conflicting stories about an ancestor's exploits, a good history book can often help. I'd heard various accounts that my American grandfather had fought for the French in World War I, that he drove for the American Volunteer Motor-Ambulance Corps, and that he flew planes for the U.S. Army. I haven't been able to determine if, as a teenager, he really abandoned his job in the boiler room of an Italian steamship to join the French soldiers. It seems unlikely. But this book, *Gentlemen Volunteers*, has at least shed light on his life in the ambulance corps.

The drivers—originally recruited from Ivy League colleges and including the likes of Ernest Hemingway, E.E. Cummings, and John Dos Passos—had to function as mechanics, too. After arriving in France and assembling the wooden bodies over the imported American chassis, they needed to keep their rescue wagons in running order. The drivers had to know what to do if they broke down on their way to, or from, the trenches while they ferried wounded soldiers to safety.

When the United States entered the war, my grandfather sailed back to America on the S.S. Rochambeau to join the flight division of the U.S. Army. It was on that ship that he met my grandmother, who felt a kinship with him because her brother was an ambulance driver for the British Red Cross.

If you have ancestors who drove or fought in France during World War I, you might find this a fascinating read about that harrowing time. The book includes 16 pages of photographs. It's well worth a look.

Reviewed by Bridget Dole

[Items of Interest From Pat Prager](#)

"If any of you enjoy puzzles and mysteries or in this case trying to figure out old handwriting, you might want to give this "transcription challenge") a try. <https://dbnews.americanancestors.org/transcription-challenge/>

I started submitting some transcriptions a couple of weeks ago when they brought back this challenge (usually new ones come out about once a week). This is from American Ancestors, NEHGS (New England Historic Genealogical Society). You can subscribe to the email list and get notifications when they have new challenges. It's a good brain workout, plus the records they are trying to read may very well include some of your relatives (if you have Boston area Catholics)! The last few challenges have been for Boston Archdiocese marriage records from the 1840's for a church in Charlestown where one of my relatives was married. If nothing else it gets you used to the style and wording and format so when you do find a similar record for one of your relatives, you can read it. Meanwhile your transcription help may help someone else."

Follow-up on Find A Grave talk from February 19, 2023 meeting with Duke Fuller:

Someone asked a question about what to do when the manager of a memorial wouldn't transfer their grandfather's memorial to them. The answer to this and other questions can be found by going to the bottom of the page (website is <https://www.findagrave.com/>) and clicking on the help button. Here's a portion of what they have to say about difficulty getting a transfer:

"If the memorial in question is a relative to you (within our transfer guidelines) and the memorial manager is not family, then they must transfer the memorial.

If you contact the manager and they refuse to transfer the memorial or do not respond within a reasonable amount of time, contact support@findagrave.com and we will work on it for you. It is helpful to forward your copy of the message originally sent to the manager when emailing Find a Grave. We ask that management request emails be limited to one or two requests per email. If you have many memorials to request, please space these out sending a few emails per day.

Please show sensitivity to immediate and extended family members and their requests. Memorials listed as famous are a special collection curated by Find a Grave and will not be transferred."

My Find a Grave member name and number is "Pat, 49657818" in case anyone wants to follow me, contact me there, or see what little I've done so far. I decided to follow Duke so I can find his page quickly if I have questions.

Upcoming Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Webinars: Upcoming March 2023 Webinars

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

All times listed are PDT

Written in Stone: In-Depth Study of a Gravestone

Gena Philibert-Ortega, Wed, Mar 8, 2023: 5:00 PM PST

Genealogists use gravestone information to document death information, but oftentimes, a burial marker provides more than biographical information. Gravestones, like any record, should be analyzed but to do so requires one to think beyond genealogical research. In this presentation, we will explore types of cemeteries, the anatomy of a marker, and the "hidden" information the marker provides.

An Introduction to Using WordPress to Build a Blog or Website

Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal, Fri Mar 10, 2023: 11:00 AM PST

WordPress is a free open-source software system used by millions of people around the world to create beautiful blogs and websites. But WordPress also has a reputation for having a bit of a learning curve, especially for new users who are just getting started with the platform. Whether you are an absolute beginner, or someone who needs a refresher, this webinar will help reduce the "overwhelm" by showing you how quick and easy it is to get started building your website with WordPress!

Roots Tech Recap

Daniel Horowitz, Tue, March 14, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Join Daniel Horowitz, Genealogy Expert at MyHeritage, for a detailed review of all the exciting MyHeritage announcements and events that took place at RootsTech 2023! Hear all about the biggest news from the conference and enjoy some behind-the-scenes tidbits from a MyHeritage insider.

Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant!

Warren Bittner, Wed, Mar 15, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Wrong information, multiple dead ends, and one brick wall after another, make finding immigrant origins for one man, almost impossible.

Uncovering Immigrant Origins Through Cluster Research

Dana Palmer, CG, CGL, Tue, Mar 21, 2023: 5:00 PM PDT

Descendants of an early Ohio family had no idea of their origins. Following an associated family brought success, even after wading into foreign- language documents. This presentation shows what to do when traditional records fail to reveal an ancestor's place of origin and how to use cluster research to break through the brick wall. Discussion will include how to determine the place of origin using records found in the United States and what to do when no records exist on your direct line.

PERSI 2.0: The New PERSI for Everyone

Sunny Morton, Wed, Mar 22, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

You may be missing 30% of genealogy discoveries if you're not digging into issues of old periodicals for biographical profiles, stories about ancestral churches or schools, how-to tips for researching a locale, indexes and transcripts of local records. Learn to find and access this content using PERSI, the Periodical Source Index, NOW AVAILABLE FOR FREE on the Allen County Public Library website and hear success stories that can inspire your own searches.

New Developments of MyHeritage DNA

Gal Zrihen, Tue, Mar 28, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

No description available.

3-2-1 Data Backup is Great, But First You Need to Find All of Your Data

Andy Klein, Wed, Mar 29, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

By now you've all heard about 3-2-1 computer backup. Having three copies of your data makes sense, but this relies on knowing where your data is in the first place. Is everything on your computer? What about the external drive in the closet? Or the SD cards in the drawer? Is some of your data in a cloud application, and what happens to that data if you forget to pay the subscription? I call this problem "Data Scatter" and it is the enemy of the 3-2-1 backup model. It's hard to back up all your data if the primary copies are scattered everywhere. Let's walk through the problem and we'll propose a few things you can do to reign in your data and give the 3-2-1 backup model a fighting chance.

Presentation: “German Geography and History”

March 18, 2023

by John P. Schmal

WHEN: Saturday, March 18th – 1: P.M.

TYPE: An In-Person and Online Presentation Via Zoom

WHERE: Los Angeles Family Search Library

ADDRESS: 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., West Los Angeles, CA 90025, Training Room I

German Geography and History

As a follow-up presentation of “**Tracing Your German Roots,**” this presentation will be held on March 18 in Training Room I at the Los Angeles Family Search Library. Anyone who is tracing their German roots should have a **basic understanding of Germany’s tumultuous history and changing geography.**

In this presentation, there will be a discussion of Germany’s history and its geography, mostly told through the use of maps. It is important to know that enormous changes have taken place and changed the map of Germany in the last three centuries. When most of our ancestors left Germany, they left a country that looked very different from what it looks like today. I will also discuss the influence that religion played in the German wars and the numerous causes of German emigration to America. **In the last twenty minutes, we will do sample searches in the most important German online databases: FamilySearch.org, Matricula Online and Archion.de.**

How Do I Access the Meeting? You can simply show up for the presentation in Training Room I on March 18th, or you can join the Zoom Session by going to “**German Geography and History**” at the scheduled time and registering here:

https://churchofjesuschrist.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYqce-rrjkrG9Bv-Ndw0C04Hqn2ak8a_2yd

In the fall of 2023, another “**Tracing Your German Roots**” presentation will be offered at the library.



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must be received by noon on March 25, 2023.**

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- I am a new member
- Current member renewing

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone () _____

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Member Type: Individual (\$30) \$ _____

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The 2023 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): _____
