



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

Our next hybrid meeting is October 15, 2023 and will begin at 2:00 PM. This meeting will be in person at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, or you can attend via Zoom. We ask if you are not feeling well to please join the meeting via Zoom.

**Our Guest Speaker is Christine Cohen Presenting on
Indexes are the Key to Unlocking the Records**

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**

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/>

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Questing Heirs Board would like to thank Cheryl Simmons for her term as our Newsletter Editor which will end with the December newsletter. She has done a great job bringing us news in the genealogy world. We hate to see her go but she has a new adventure that demands more of her attention. We wish her luck.

Now we seek help from the membership with the newsletter. This individual would be responsible beginning with the January 2024 edition for writing and publishing the monthly newsletter to members via email and mail delivery.

This job comes with a handbook expertly put together by our previous editor, Janice Miller. If you are interested and/or have questions, please let me know. You can reach me at questingheirs@gmail.com

Thank you,

Tina McKillip

Chairman of Nominating Committee

QHGS President's Message

Happy Fall!

As QHGS is heading into October, it's time for our society to start looking for new board members. We will need a Newsletter Chairman and don't worry, someone has already taken the President spot.

Please be thinking about this as you may get a phone call from our past president. Our jobs are not hard and board meetings are about an hour long, after our presentations.

Hope to see you at our next meeting, all about Indexing.

Happy Hunting!

Terry

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October 15, 2023 Speaker is Christine Cohen Presenting on: Indexes Are The Key To Unlocking The Records



Christine Cohen is a long-time member of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) and is currently the Program Director. 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. Christine's interest in genealogy began in 1977 with the airing of the TV mini-series "Roots" and was piqued when I found a typed pedigree chart of my 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.



Member Corner

Thanks to Bob Prager for submitting the following information.

The National Park Service maintains a database of Civil War combatants at:

<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>, but offers limited search options. If you have a Civil War ancestor, you're probably aware of this.

However, <https://www.bettersoldiersandsailors.com>, a free web site, offers better options. It starts with the same databases as the National Park Service but offers more powerful tools (e.g., phonetic searches, wildcards, etc.), adds additional databases (including Civil War burials and Court Martial records) not available at the NPS site, and includes advice about how/where to get copies of the soldiers' military records, among other powerful features.

A simple search can be performed by entering the desired name, but to access all of the advanced search tools, click on "Advanced Search." This allows filtering the results by different parts or spelling of the name and several categories of military service information.

Connecticut Genealogy Index

<https://connecticutgenealogy.org/>

Looking for information on somebody who was born, got married, had a civil union, or died in Connecticut?

This free searchable database provides a basic index to modern era records that were filed with the Connecticut Department of Health. This site doesn't host any actual certificates, but it can help you confirm if a record exists. You can then request a copy either from the municipality where the event took place or from the state directly.

For births, this database contains an index to all certificates that were filed with the state between July 1, 1897, which was the start of mandatory statewide registration, and December 31, 1917, the most current data available that is not under legal restriction.

For marriages and deaths, this database provides an index to all records that were filed with the state between mid-1897 and December 31, 2017.

For civil unions, this database provide an index to all unions formally registered at the state level, which began in October 2005. Nearly all of these were automatically converted over to full state-recognized marriages in October 2010, then federally recognized in June 2015. Earlier records for domestic partnerships (which are legally distinct from civil unions), were filed with some of the individual towns and cities in Connecticut dating back to circa 1993, or with religious institutions, but were not kept at the state level, and are not included here.

Upcoming Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Free October 2023 Webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

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

All times listed are PDT

Beginning with DNA Painter

Jonny Perl, Wed, Oct. 4, 2023: 11 AM PDT

The Latest Photo Feature from MyHeritage

Tal Erlichman, Tue, Oct 10, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Help! How do I separate genealogical fact from fiction?

Carol Baxter, Wed, Oct 11, 2023: 5:00 PM PDT

The Gentlemen Judges: Justices of the Peace

Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, Wed, Oct 18, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

Deconstructing Family Stories: Are They Fact, Fiction, or a Little of Both (a 2023 Reisinger Lecture)

Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FVGS, Fri, Oct 20, 2023: 8:30 AM PDT

Lineage of Land: Tracing Property Without Recorded Deeds (a 2023 Reisinger Lecture)

Shannon Green, CG, Fri, Oct 20, 2023: 9:45 AM PDT

DNA Analysis Methodology: Defeat the Genealogy Gremlin with Pedigree Evaluation, Mitigation, and Reasoning (a 2023 Reisinger Lecture)

Karen Stanbary, CG, Fri, Oct 20, 2023: 3:00 PM PDT

Are You Missing Important Family History Clues in Your Old Family Photographs?

Lisa Lisson, Tue, Oct 24, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

“She Came From Nowhere...” – A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogical Problem

Michael D. Lacopo, DVM, Wed, Oct 25, 2023: 11:00 AM PDT

For additional free Legacy webinars, on and after September 15, 2023 please go to:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

Family Search Webinars can be found at:

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/FamilySearch_Library_Classes_and_Webinars



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- Digital Archivist.....Diana Transue and Cynthia Day-Elliott
- Research/Historian.....Tina Yanis
- Refreshments.....Sandy Hollandsworth
- Social Media/Facebook Coordinator.. Diana Transue
- WebmasterMike Powers

**Submissions for the November 2023 newsletter
must be received by noon on October 25, 2023.**

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