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

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**Hybrid meeting: January 21, 2024 beginning at 2:00 PM**

**St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church  
or attend via Zoom**

**Masks are recommended and if you're not feeling well,  
please join the meeting via Zoom.**

**Our Guest Speaker is David Flint  
presenting: Marriage Records in England**

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**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**

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**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

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

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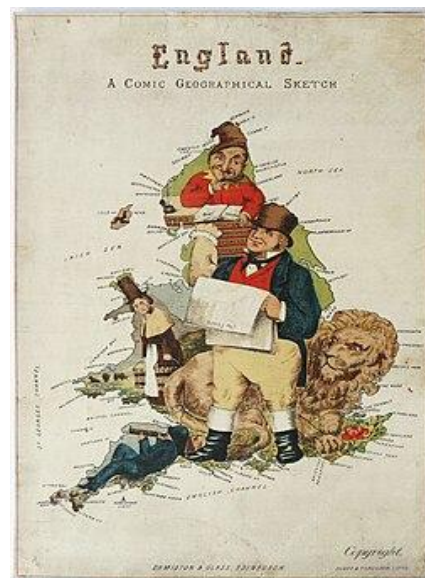
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## QHGS President's Message

Greetings to everyone as we close out 2023 and look towards 2024.

The party at our December meeting was fantastic. The finger foods that were shared, oh so good.

Jackie shared about her Civil War ancestor and did a rubbing of his regiment. (see Page 3) Terry shared a photo of her husband's 4th great grandfather who was a policeman in Youngstown, Ohio. Cynthia, Jerry and others also brought items. Glenn has an album of pictures from the 1933 Long Beach earthquake taken by his aunt and also has old pictures of Navy ships in the port.

Happy Hunting,

Terry Hamilton

### David Flint presenting: Marriage Records in England

This presentation is an overview of research in marriage records of England and Wales – from church records to civil records – from 1538 to the present -- and includes a review of English marriage law from the Reformation to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A printed handout with selected bibliography for additional reading will be provided with Zoom link.



David Flint has been doing English genealogy research for over 15 years. He was born in England, where he lived until the age of ten, when his family moved to Canada, and then to the United States. He and his wife currently live in Irvine, California.

David devotes time to genealogy research, attending lectures and seminars, teaching genealogy classes, and occasional speaking engagements. He previously served as President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the South Orange County California Genealogical Society (SOCCGS) where he continues serving on the society's executive board.

David retired after working for the County of Los Angeles for 40 years, ending his career as Assistant Director of the Los Angeles County Public Library. He began his interest in genealogy at a library conference in Phoenix, Arizona in 2002, where he met two British Isles research specialists from FamilySearch. He likes to say that genealogy found him because he wasn't looking for it at the time.

In addition to working on his family history, since retiring David has developed a specialized collection of British Isles reference books in his home library. He and his wife have made trips to England to keep in touch with family and visit the country where he spent his childhood.

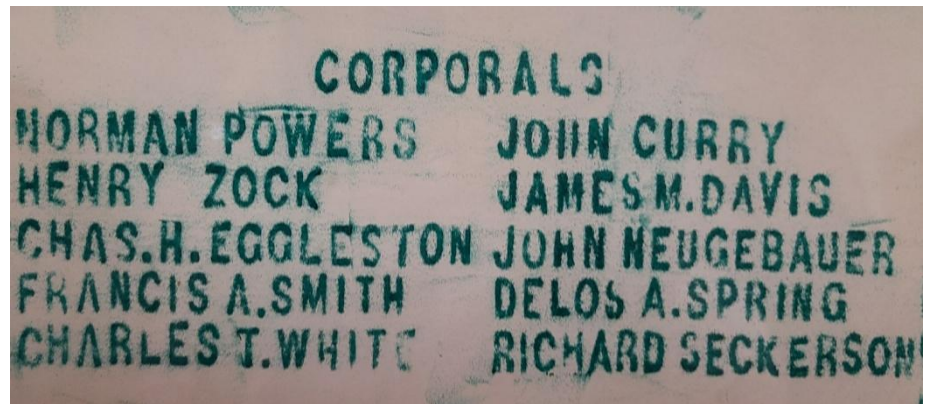
At his home society in Mission Viejo he leads a monthly England special interest group. He also leads an annual week-long research trip for SOCCGS members to the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City.

## Member Stories & Contributions

At our December 2023 meeting, Questing Heirs member Jackie Riley shared a photo of her Civil War ancestor's 29th Infantry regiment list. Corporal Norman Powers was in Company E., enlisted as Corporal in Wisconsin in August 1862, wounded in May 1, 1863 in Port Gibson, Mississippi and died of disease July 30, 1863 in Milliken's Bend, Louisiana.



**Jackie Riley**



### From: QH Member Pat Prager:

On Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 8:00 PM the PBS series, FINDING YOUR ROOTS, with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. returns for its 10th season. The 10-episode season will trace the family trees of well-known personalities and a few everyday Americans as well.

Guests will include Ciara, Valerie Bertinelli, Danielle Brooks, LeVar Burton, Lena Dunham, Brendan Fraser, Sammy Hagar, Sunny Hostin, Tracy Morgan, Alanis Morissette, Bob Odenkirk, Ed O'Neill, Anthony Ramos, Iliza Schlesinger, Wes Studi, Dionne Warwick, Jesse Williams, Michael Douglas and our everyday Americans Terrie Morrow, Megan Robertson and Joyce Willis.

The show is on PBS SoCal/KOCE - on Frontier that is Ch 508. New episodes air at 8:00 PM Tuesday, but are rerun at 1:00 AM Wednesday (if you'd rather record for later). They used to repeat each episode on Tuesday an hour before the new episode, but it looks like they are going to air on Saturday at 6:00 PM instead. Check your local listings.

For full schedule: <https://www.pbs.org/weta/finding-your-roots/watch/tv-schedule>

## Upcoming 2024 Free Webinars

### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>  
to register for these and other free monthly webinars

#### **Irish ancestors - Top 5 websites you need to know about**

Natalie Bodle - Fri, Jan 5, 2024: 11:00 AM PST

This webinar is a romp through the top 5 websites where you will find information on your Irish ancestors. Best of all most of them are free! This is ideal if you are at the start of your Irish ancestral research and will give you a good grounding before delving into the more obscure record sets.

#### **A military heritage: Finding your British army lineage in pre-20th century records**

Cathy Sherwood - Wed, Jan 10, 2024: 5:00 PM PST

Many Australians will have a soldier or sailor somewhere in their family tree, particularly from the 20th century onwards. Finding those ancestors who served in Australian contingents during World War One or Two for example, is a relatively straightforward process, mainly because the records are mostly available in Australian archives. Once the search moves back into the 19th or 18th century, then it can become a more complicated puzzle. This presentation provides an overview of the military history of Europe during the 19th and 18th centuries and outlines the range of records which are available, such as those at The National Archives (UK) in particular as well as Australian archives and military museums and an increasing number of online resources.

#### **The Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS): A Review**

Shannon Green, CG - Tues, Jan 16, 2024: 5:00PM PST

How do you know when you have genealogical proof? You apply the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) to your completed research. The GPS is how genealogists test conclusions—whether it is your research or other people's research. Recognize why meeting the GPS is essential and when it is appropriate. Learn about the five interdependent components of the GPS. Understanding the GPS and being able to apply it will hone your research skills.

#### **Essential Keyboard Shortcuts and other PC Tech Tools for Genealogy**

Peggy Jude - Wed, Jan 24, 2024: 11:00 AM PST

By integrating keyboard shortcuts into their routine, genealogists can enhance their research proficiency, minimize manual tasks, and dedicate more time to the core of their work: uncovering and preserving family histories.

For additional free webinars, go to: <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

**Please renew your membership for 2024. Form is on last page.**



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Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

Please take a few minutes to list/update your **top five (5)** surname research and location preferences, so our Program Chair can engage speakers who will interest you.

Also, the information will be printed in the directory.

Surnames you are researching: \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of your research (countries/states/counties): \_\_\_\_\_

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