



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

Hybrid meeting: July 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.**

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**

Our Guest Speaker is Jane E. Loe, MA, MLS

Organize Like an Archivist:

Taming Genealogy Records & Research

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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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QHGS President's Message

Bob Prager



On January 24 this year, the (US) National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announced that they had eliminated the pandemic-related backlog of veteran records requests at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in Saint Louis, MO. During the COVID pandemic, NARA accumulated a large backlog of requests for military service records due to on-site building occupancy limits. For two years NARA staff has been working to clear the backlog of over 600,000 requests. With the backlog cleared, NPRC is now able to respond to most routine requests for separation documents in less than a week and other types of requests within 20 days, even as it continues to receive more than 4,000 new requests each day.

To request veteran records or check the status of an existing request, please visit <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>

At some point I submitted a request for my father's WWII records. After a few mishaps, the Army eventually allowed him to do a version of his civilian job (aircraft assembler/mechanic) and, since he grew up in a German-speaking household, shipped him off to Australia. (Apparently they didn't want any potential questions concerning his loyalty.)

I inherited all the photographs he took there and in New Guinea and mailed to his fiancée (my mother), so I know where he was and what he did. Unfortunately, his records were among those lost in the 1973 fire in St. Louis, MO. However, they did send me a consolation prize – a largely illegible copy of the payroll documents recording his release from the service in 1945 which told me when and where he was mustered out. Not what I was hoping for, but at least something!

We had a fun meeting in the park in June – lots of sharing and discussion! And ice cream ;-)

Nancy E. Loe, MA, MLS



A professional archivist and librarian, Nancy has worked in genealogy and academic libraries for 30+ years, helping researchers and digitizing collections.

Her presentation will show us:

- * Six-folder master genealogy filing
- * Developing consistent file names for scans and downloads
- * Retrieving records on demand
- * Using consistent data entry in family trees
- * Linking digital and paper records

July Historical Moments

- 1776 - The Continental Congress approves the Declaration of Independence.
- 1863 - The Battle of Gettysburg begins.
- 1953 - The Korean War ends after lasting just over three years.
- 1964 - The Civil Rights Act is signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson.
- 1969 - Apollo 11 astronaut, Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon.

2024 Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars
 Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/>
 to register for these and other monthly free live webinars

Solving a 1770 problem with the 1880 Census

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/solving-a-1770-problem-with-the-1880-census/>

F. Warren Bittner, MS (History) - Wednesday, July 31, 2024: 11:00 AM PDT

Follow a case study where a 1770 brick wall was solved using the 1880 census. Learn tips and tricks to use sources creatively.

If the link doesn't work, copy and paste into your browser.

Upcoming Questing Heirs Presentations:

August 18, 2024 - Digging Up Deeds

Was your ancestor a Revolutionary War Patriot? Use the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) website to search the index.

https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?Tab_ID=1

Visit Reclaim the Records website for updates on FREE available indexes. Added last year are vital record indexes for Connecticut and indexes and certificates for Maryland.

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

If you have suggestions for speakers and/or presentation topics, please contact us at:

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