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Topics at QHGS Meeting on February 15:
“California’s Role in the War Between the States”
and “Finding Ancestors in Civil War POW Camps”



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see page 14
for details

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month at

1:00 p.m.

at Resurrection Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 1900 East Carson St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 16)**

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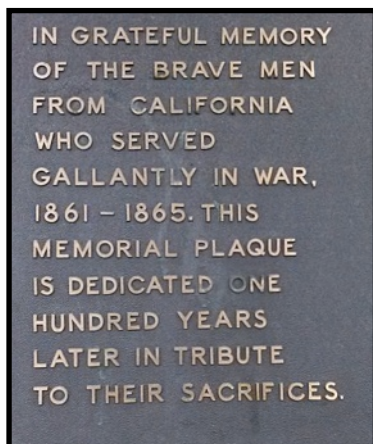


**“War Between the States in California”
“Find Ancestors in Civil War Prison Camps”**

**MEETING
AGENDA**

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Starting at 1:00 p.m., Connie Moretti will present a talk about California’s role in the War Between the States. Connie is a member of the APG, National Society Daughters of the



American Revolution, United States Daughters of 1812, and is past President of the California Division and 2004-2006 Historian General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. After 30 years in education, she started her own genealogy business, and has taught beginning and internet genealogy classes for South Bay Adult School. Connie is also the co-author of several genealogy books including: *Stepping Stones to Genealogy* and *On the Road: Day Trips to Local Genealogy Research Sites*. After our snack break, **at 2:30 p.m., Mary Anne Vincent** will show us how to find ancestors who were imprisoned in Civil War POW camps.

**ABOUT OUR
FEATURED SPEAKER**

MARY ANNE VINCENT

Mary Anne Vincent’s great-great-great uncle died at Andersonville in 1864. She is a member of the Corona Genealogical Society and has served on its Board of Directors for seven years. She is also the



new Secretary of the California State Genealogical Alliance. Mary Anne taught grades 6-12 for several decades and now is an occasional substitute teacher for the Riverside County Office of Education. She has been working on her family tree since 1971 and has recently completed a book on one line of her father’s side, *Ancestors, Siblings, and Descendants of Joshua Bowers (1830 - 1916) and Mary Ann (Tillotson) Bowers (1834 - 1919)*, published by CreateSpace and also found on Amazon.com. As part of the research for the book, she has been in touch with literally dozens of second, third, fifth, and seventh cousins, each of whom generously provided family information.

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

Since it's easy to skip over the "small print" on the back page of the newsletter, I'm taking this opportunity to put an announcement in BIG PRINT because everybody needs to know that there is a position vacant right now. Yes, **we need a new Facebook co-ordinator!** Social networking is very important, especially if we want to attract young members who do genealogy almost exclusively on their cell phones, tablets and laptops. So take the plunge—step up and volunteer to help your Society grow. Become our Facebook co-ordinator, post notices about our meetings on the QHGS Facebook page every month, and we will "like" you lots. See me for details. —Terry Hamilton

PROGRAMS NEXT MONTH

MARCH 15, 2015

March is Women's History Month, and to help us find more genealogical information about our female ancestors, Questing Heirs' featured speaker will be Gena Philibert-Ortega. Gena will give two presentations, "**Women in World War I**" and "**Finding Records of Female Ancestors in Newspapers.**" Join us to learn new strategies for researching documents to discover maiden names and other important facts about those odd-numbered entries on our family trees.

Q AND A FROM JANUARY TALK

DAVE WERTS

Here are some answers to questions that people asked after my January talk, "Why You Speak the Way You Do." I hope this helps QHGS members who want to find out more about their unique speech patterns.

• Where can I find that demonstration of contemporary English accents?

It's available on Youtube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=-8mzWkuOxz8

• What were the sources you used?

The primary one is *Albion's Seed, Four British Folkways in America* by David Hackett Fisher, Oxford University Press, 1989. It has great detail about the four periods of English migration into America and describes the language and cultural differences of each period. For more information on the changes in and impacts on English language development from the Romans until the Pilgrims' migration, I used *The Story of English* by McCrum, Cran, and MacNeil, Viking Books, 1986. It is a companion volume to the PBS series of the same name. Both books are available at the Long Beach Public Library and also on Amazon. Don't forget to shop for them using the Questing Heirs entry portal at http://www.amazon.com/178-5747774-3640726?ie=UTF8&*Version*=1&*entries*=0&link_code=hom&tag=quesheir-20!

FINANCE REPORT

Christine Elia

December Income
\$34.70
December Expenses
\$145.00
F & M Bank Balance
\$8,139.58,
of which \$2,749.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

**Our
February
Hosts**

will be

**Red COLLINS,
Terry HAMILTON,
Penny NUGENT
and
Connie WILLIAMS.**

Many thanks
to our January hosts:
Bridget Dole,
Jeanette Jones,
Kathy Latham
and Sue Tisdall.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Members
attending
January's
meeting: 37
Guests:
9

**A Warm Welcome to
our New Member:**
Sandy McDonald

Webinars on the 'Net and Local Events

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“Basic Scandinavian Research,” presented by Diana Smith, on **Tuesday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. Register at: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/6829079176792483329>.

Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between February 4 and February 25**: “One-Place Studies,” “Confederate Records,” “German Church Records,” “New Zealand Ancestors,” and “Living Relatives.”

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented on February 7 and 18**: “Union Documents,” by Jane Neff Rollins, and “6 Steps to Choreograph Your Internet Research,” by Janet Hovorka.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“Grandmothers, Mothers & Daughters: Researching Your Female Lines,” presented by Lisa Alzo on **Tuesday, February 17, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Register: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/1278799456540043778>.

LINCOLN SHRINE IN REDLANDS

The **43rd Annual Lincoln Shrine Open House** will be held on **Sunday, February 8, from noon to 3:00**. Go to <http://www.lincolnshrine.org/2015-lincoln-dinner-and-open-house/> for more information.

The **83rd Annual Watchorn Lincoln Dinner** will be hosted by the Lincoln Memorial Shrine and the University of Redlands on **Thursday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m.** at the University of Redlands Orton Center. The evening will include a presentation by renowned Lincoln expert Dan Weinberg titled “From Boyhood to Assassination: Lincoln Artifacts Whisper Their Stories.” Mr. Weinberg is the co-author of

Lincoln's Assassins: Their Trial and Execution. For more information or to make a reservation, contact (909) 798-7632; seats are \$45 for Lincoln Memorial Association members and \$55 for non-members. Reservations are required and space is limited.

CIVIL WAR LECTURES

Rancho Los Cerritos is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, by presenting a four-part lecture series, “Remembering the Civil War: Perspectives on Race, Place, and Movement.”

On **Saturday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m.** Christopher Bates will present, “**Don't Know Much About History: Why People Love the Civil War.**” Bates, a Ph.D. Candidate at UCLA and a popular lecturer at Cal Poly Pomona, is beloved by students for using humor and personal anecdotes to bring history to life. Lectures begin at 10 a.m. and last 90 minutes, including time for audience questions. **Admission is \$7**, (\$5 for students with I.D.), and is payable at the door. Seating is limited; so **advance registration is encouraged**. The series is part of an ongoing effort by the Rancho to present low cost and free programming that expands the understanding of California history for area residents. **To register and get more information, please call 562-206-2040**. Future lectures in this monthly series:

March 21, Dr. David Miller will present, “‘A thralldom grievous and intolerable’: Slavery, the American Civil War, and the Legacy of Race.” Dr. Miller is a lecturer in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of San Diego.

April 18, Dr. Glenna Matthews will present “The Civil War and the Birth of Modern California.” She is the author of many books, including the much lauded *The Golden State in the Civil War: Thomas Starr King, the Republican Party, and the Birth of Modern California*.

May 16, the series will close with “North and South to the Border: Yankees, Confederates, and Mexico after the Civil War,” presented by Dr. Todd W. Wahlstrom, the author of *The Southern Exodus to Mexico: Migration across the Borderlands after the American Civil War*. —Rancho Los Cerritos press release, January 7, 2015

Genealogy Seminars and Local Societies

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

Discover Your Roots XIII, the 13th Annual African American Family History Conference, will be happening on **Saturday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Historic Los Angeles Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1209 South Manhattan Place, Los Angeles. Experts will host presentations and conduct specialized classes focusing on a diverse range of African American genealogy subjects. Former QHGS member Aaron Day will be speaking, and volunteers will be on hand to help you get started or dive deeper into your family tree. **Register by midnight on February 20, 2015, and pay only \$30 (fees included).** Price after February 20 is \$40. Box lunch is provided with your registration, but breakfast and hot drinks will not be served. For more information go to <http://discoveryourroots.org/event-info/>.

CVGS ANUAL SEMINAR

Conejo Valley Genealogical Society will present their **Annual Seminar** on **Saturday, March 21**. The featured speaker will be **Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL**, presenting “Finding ‘Unfindable’ Ancestors,” “Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online?” “Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor’s European Origin,” and “Organizing Evidence to Overcome Record Shortages.” See Thomas before he speaks at Jamboree! Registration flyers will be available on the entryway table at our meeting.

NSDCGS SPRING SEMINAR

North San Diego County Genealogical Society will present their **Spring Seminar** on **Saturday, March 21**. The featured speaker will be “The Legal Genealogist,” **Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL**, presenting “The First Trip to the Court House,” “The Fair Court: Records of the Chancery Court,” “The Ties that Bond,” and “Dowered or Bound Out: Record of Widows and Orphans.” Registration materials will be available on the entryway table at our meeting.

LOCAL AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

Orange County California Genealogical Society: “Newspaper Research,” by Judy Janes on **Saturday, February 7, 11:00 a.m.** at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach.

Lake Elsinore Genealogical Society: “Civil War Widows Pensions,” by Mary Anne Vincent and “Fun with Citing Sources,” by Jean Wilcox Hibben on **Saturday, February 7, 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Mission Trail Community Library, 34303 Mission Trail, Wildomar.

Los Angeles Westside Genealogical Society: “Civilian, Military and Agency Administrative Records: Piecing Together One Man’s Life Using the National Archives,” by Monique Sugimoto on **Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.** at the Los Angeles Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

South Bay Cities Genealogical Society: “Locating Immigrant Ancestors Online,” by Ted Gostin on **Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.** at the Meeting Room of the Torrance Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

San Fernando Valley Genealogical Society: “Family History and DNA,” by Alice Fairhurst on **Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.** at the Chatsworth Train Station, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd., Chatsworth.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society: “Dispelling the Myths and Finding Your Family,” by Linda Serna on **Saturday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles: “Holly Golightly Was a Nice Jewish Girl: Our Ancestors Reinvented,” by Pamela Weisberger on **Monday, February 23, 7:30 p.m.** at the Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 North Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. Immigrants to America often shed their old world clothing and names, reinventing their personalities and obscuring their identities. Learn investigative techniques for uncovering the truth about your own amazing (but often hidden) family history.

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AND
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Floyd and Abe



Drum Barracks



Santa Ana Cemetery

Member Spotlight: Floyd Farrar

Floyd has contributed 1,385 photos to Find-a-Grave. He keeps your editor informed about Civil War reenactments in the southland and also contributes websites of interest to historians and genealogists for our “Useful Websites” newsletter feature.

Most of the material in this autobiography was originally posted on Find-a-Grave.

Floyd writes: I am a 2nd Generation native Southern Californian, born in Glendale, California in 1940. I am a US Navy Cold war era veteran who spent four years aboard *USS Inflict*, a 170-foot long, 700-ton wooden-hulled minesweeper as an electrician’s mate. I retired in October of 1996, after 32 years of shift work in steam generation electric power plant operations for Southern California Edison.

I am Past Commander of Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Santa Ana-Tustin, California. Now I am a member of General W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2, Los Angeles California. I am also Past Comander of Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War, Capt. Cameron E. Thom Camp 2007, Long Beach, California.

My kin fought on both sides in the War of the Rebellion. Most all of my direct linked ancestors came from western-middle Tennessee and near Elm Springs, (Bentonville) Arkansas. Great-

great grandfather Junius was in 2nd Arkansas Cavalry, Company F, Union Army, as were his two sons, John and Nicholas. The other three brothers were Tennessee Confederate Infantry. Junius’ brother, Pvt. Rufus Farrar, was with the 2nd Tennessee Confederate infantry, company D, and was killed at the Battle of Shiloh on April 6, 1862, near the log cabin church. Junius’ other brother Lucius was wounded at Stones River Tennessee on December 31st 1862 and, according to his



muster documents, was “left on the battlefield for mercy of the enemy.” I read about the battle when visiting there on August 12, 2009, and I learned that it was so cold that wounded left on the field had their bloody uniforms freeze to the ground around the wound site. Uncle Lucius was captured, paroled, somewhat healed, and returned to his unit although not 100 percent fit for duty in a line unit. He was subsequently captured *again*, this time by Sherman’s troops on July 20th of 1864 and spent the rest of the war at Camp Chase POW camp. I have been into genealogy off and on for a number of years and recently discovered an amazing blog that had information about the Farrar brothers. I did it by typing my granddad’s name into the Google search engine. Give it a try—you never know what you might come up with!

—Floyd Farrar

In Memoriam

Charlotte Mae Llewellyn was born on June 30, 1927 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died on January 2, 2015 in Long Beach, California. Charlotte always looked at least ten years younger than her real age. She also always took pride in her appearance, and never went anywhere without her lipstick, Revlon #430 Soft Silver Rose. Charlotte's father, Robert Charles Duffey, was a chemical engineer with Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Her mother, Frances Beryl Llewellyn, worked as a beautician. Charlotte's parents never married; so, she was raised by her aunt and uncle, Glenn and Mary (Duffey) Page, who really wanted a child. Charlotte's perhaps most impressive accomplishment is that she was one of the first women engineers in the aerospace industry. She had begun her working life doing illustrations for the *Akron Beacon Journal*, but Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.'s aircraft division wanted to—as she would always put it—do an “experiment” to see if women could be engineers, and they recruited her and trained her. The experiment worked! Her career took her and her family from Ohio to upstate New York and, finally, to the Los Angeles area where she lived for almost fifty years. She retired from TRW as a senior electronic design engineer in 1996. Charlotte was a devoted mother, one who was able to work in a demanding job full time and still keep house and



raise three children. She always felt her children were her greatest accomplishment. She was an excellent cook: her boeuf a la bourgignonne was right out of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, and her cheesecake was legendary. Charlotte loved beautiful things, including Van Gogh paintings, Chopin waltzes, Pierre Deux fabrics, Edith Piaf's voice, Chanel No. 5, and *Sheherazade* by Rimsky-Korsakov. She also enjoyed history, reading, spirituality, and travel. Her greatest passion, though, was art. Once when we walked into a museum together, she exclaimed, “prepare to have your mind opened!” She found ways to express her artistic side her entire life, working in oils, watercolors, and pencil. Charlotte joined Questing Heirs in 2004, volunteered at the LBPL Genealogy Room opening ceremonies, and described this occasion for the newsletter. She had a real sparkle and cheerfulness about her, in spite of all the difficulties she faced in life. Though usually soft-spoken, she was a fierce advocate for the underdog. Charlotte is survived by her children, Charlene Jones, Patrick Powers, and Michael Powers; her grandchildren, Dana Stephens, Stacy Stephens, Patrick Powers, and Stephen Powers; and her great-granddaughters, Rachel McAnalley and Alanna Powers, all of whom she absolutely adored, and all of whom will cherish her memory forever.

—Michael Powers

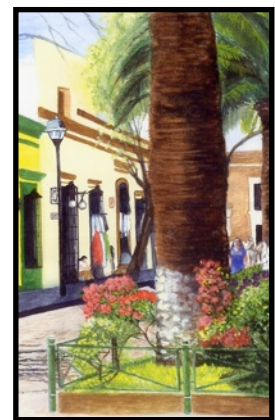
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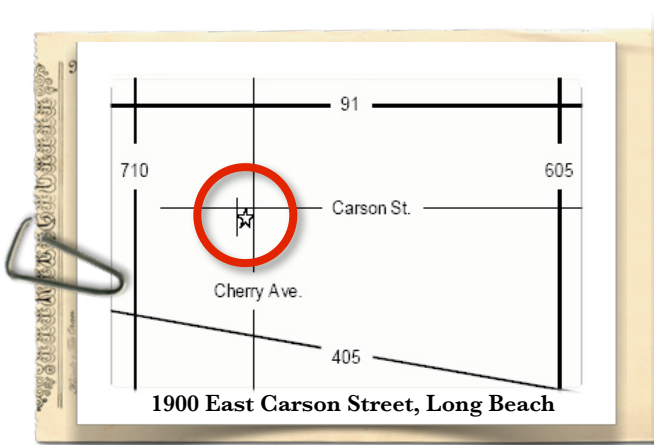


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CONNIE MORETTI



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