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QHGS Meeting on Sunday December 20 Members' Sharing Session and Pot Luck Installation of Officers for 2016 – 2017 Term

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OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

are held on the **third Sunday** of the month at **1:15 p.m.** at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest St., in Long Beach, California. **(map on page 96)**

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Installation of 2016 – 2017 Officers
 “Members’ Trials and Triumphs”

MEETING AGENDA

DECEMBER 20, 2015

Starting at 1:15 p.m., members will gather to eat good food and visit with old friends. Genealogical trials and research triumphs of 2015 will be discussed; and, after desserts are served, Jeanette Jones will install our new officers for the 2016-2017 term. Then it will be “Genealogy Bingo” time! Photos will be taken; so be prepared.



THANK YOU FOR RENEWING

QHGS MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairman Kathy Latham would like to thank everyone in QHGS who renewed their membership for 2016. We currently have 3 Life members, 2 Family memberships, and 67 Individual members, for a total of 74 Questing Heirs.

POT LUCK WHAT TO BRING

ITEMS BY SURNAME



APPETIZERS

Surname Beginning with **A – F**



SALADS

Surnames Beginning with **G – L**



HOT DISHES

Surnames Beginning with **M – R**



DESSERTS

Surnames Beginning with **S – Z**

Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Announcements and Reports

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LOOKING FORWARD

We've held our elections, and we'll be welcoming two new board members in 2016: Christina McKillip as secretary and Michael Powers as treasurer. Debbie Bouighman will be returning as Director-at-Large. And at this time I want to give a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to the 2014-2015 board members who are leaving: **THANK YOU** to **Chris Elia** who has kept track of our finances the last two years; **THANK YOU** to **Denise Hofmann** who has been our secretary; and **THANK YOU** to **Penny Nugent** who has served as 1st Vice President. 2016 will be a busy, exciting year for Questing Heirs. Volunteer opportunities will be plentiful: we need members who have published family histories or genealogical articles to lead the discussion in March about how they published their work; and members who have some experience in researching particular areas of the U.S. and the world can volunteer for our "Experts" tables in April. Speaking of April, Sandy Hollandsworth is planning to go to Salt Lake City in April with the Orange County California Genealogical Society, and we expect a detailed report on what she finds there! The slogan for SCGS Jamboree this year is "Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past." Let's all make 2016 the year we each give to our families' futures by preserving their pasts. See you at the pot luck!

—Terry Hamilton

SPEAKERS NEXT MONTH

JANUARY 17, 2016

Our January meeting will begin with **John McCoy** presenting "**Family Secrets**," a talk which will help us deal with unsavory facts that we may find while researching our genealogies. After the break, **Francie Kennedy** will teach us how to get more out of our favorite search engine with "**Advanced Google Tools for Genealogists**."



LAST CALL FOR MEMBER RENEWALS

DON'T MISS OUT

Only members receive the newsletter which has notices about upcoming seminars and genealogical events in Southern California, plus techniques for research success and the latest QHGS news every month. Renew today!

FINANCE REPORT

Christine Elia

October Income
\$721.73

October Expenses
\$100.00

F & M Bank Balance
\$7585.57,

of which \$2374.06
is restricted to
educational expenses

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REFRESHMENT REPORT

Sandy Hollandsworth

Our
December
Hosts
will be
YOU!!

See Surname List
on Page 90
for dishes to bring.
QHGS Board will
provide beverages.

Many thanks
to our

November Hosts:
Sandy
HOLLANDSWORTH

Kathy LATHAM
Penny NUGENT

and
Connie WILLIAMS

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Latham

Attendance at
November's
meeting: 39

**A Warm Welcome
to our 8 Guests**

Online Learning Opportunities

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

“The U.S. Federal Census: Good, Bad, and Ugly,” presented by Gary Smith, on **Tuesday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. PST**. The U.S. Federal Census has become a staple of genealogical research in the United States. Using the census most effectively, however, requires understanding that there are good, bad, and truly ugly aspects of these records, mostly related to the type, quality or quantity of information recorded. Recognizing pitfalls and high points will allow a researcher to use these records to best advantage. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4542747002682234370>.

Legacy Family Tree:

Go to <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> to learn more about the following **webinars which will be presented between December 2 and December 18**: “Stories in Stone—Cemetery Research,” “Thinking About Becoming an Accredited Genealogist?,” “Pointing Fingers at Ancestors’ Siblings,” and “What Happened to the State of Frankland—Pre-Statehood Records in Tennessee.”

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html> to register for “The Curious Case of the Disappearing Dude,” presented by Debbie Mieszala CG, on **Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 a.m. PST**, and “Developing the Genealogy of an Early 20th Century Community: A Case Study,” presented by Timothy Pinnick on **Wednesday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. PST**.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

“Railroad Records Across America,” by Patricia Walls Stamm on **Tuesday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m. PST**. This session will discuss records, and documents produced by various railroads; and it will explore railroad libraries and the methods you can use to access their information. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9221689051076091650>.

LEARN ONLINE WITH WEBINARS

Minnesota Genealogical Society:

“The U.S. National Archives: The Nation’s Attic,” presented by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA, on **Wednesday, December 2, from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. PST**. Sooner or later our research leads us to treasures held in governmental archives. For federal government records in the United States that means the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Researchers often use federal census, military, pension, and passenger arrival records; but, these are only a fraction of the genealogically useful documents in the custody of NARA. Records of the nation’s civil, military and diplomatic activities are held by NARA as well. In Washington alone these records total more than six billion pieces of paper; over eleven million still pictures; 99,951 reels of motion pictures; 214,129 sound and video recordings; 2,706,123 maps and charts; 3,525,626 architectural and engineering plans; and 18,934,123 aerial photographs. This presentation focuses on the Washington, DC, area facilities, commonly called Archives I and II. Finding aids, website, catalogs, access options and research tips will be discussed. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/13150527819499266>.

PORT OF LOS ANGELES ARCHIVES ENDANGERED AFTER MOVE

In 2010, the Port of Los Angeles began an important program to identify, process, and preserve approximately 25,000 linear feet of historic material. This important resource is now in jeopardy because, earlier this year, the POLA Archive records were moved from a climate controlled building to an open warehouse storage facility near the water. As a result, the **POLA Archives are now endangered due to high humidity and vermin infestation**. To learn more about the POLA Archives, visit <http://www.lavatransforms.org/video/port-of-los-angeles-archive/> and read the “Open Letter to the Community” posted there. Then sign an online petition that calls on the Harbor Commission and the Port of Los Angeles to **ACT NOW** to preserve these records.

Seminars and a SLC Trip – Mark Your Calendars!

WAGS 33RD WINTER SEMINAR



The **Whittier Area Genealogical Society** presents **Thomas MacEntee** on **January 30, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier. Thomas MacEntee has been involved with genealogy and family history for close to 20 years and for the past two years has dedicated himself professionally to various aspects of the genealogy industry. He is sometimes called “King of the Genealogy Webinars,” due to his numerous online educational presentations. He will present four lectures: **Genealogy Do-Over: A Year of Learning From Mistakes:** Follow genealogist Thomas MacEntee as he basically starts his genealogy research from scratch but includes sound research practices and methodologies to create a better body of family history research. **Successful Collateral and Cluster Searching:** Researching non-direct relations as well as those friends and neighbors in your ancestors’ network can pay off in ways you might not imagine. **After You’re Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research:** Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you’re gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on. **Genealogy: The Future Is Now:** Do you have trouble keeping up with technology, especially programs, apps and websites that other genealogists seem to be using these days? You’re not alone. After a quick review of how much has changed in the past 30 years, you’ll learn what’s hot, what’s not and how to prepare for the genealogy technology of the future. **Early registration** will be \$35 for WAGS members and \$40 for non-members. The **deadline for early registration is January 16.** Late registrations after January 16 and at the door will be \$45. A lunch may be ordered no later than January 24 for an additional fee of \$10. **Registration forms** will be available at the December meeting.

OCCGS GENEALOGY BASH



The **Orange County California Genealogical Society** will present its **Annual Genealogy Bash** featuring speaker **Lisa Louise Cooke** on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**, in the theatre at the Huntington Beach Library. Lisa will give four lectures, and there will be other speakers at the Bash as well. For more information about this event go to <http://www.occgcs.com/>.

NSDCGS SPRING SEMINAR



The **North Dan Diego County Genealogical Society** will present featured speaker **CeCe Moore** on **Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the Carlsbad Senior Center. As more details become available, they will be published in the *QHGS Newsletter*.

SOC CGS SLC RESEARCH TRIP



The **South Orange County California Genealogical Society** is hosting its second annual research trip to the FHL in Salt Lake City **April 17 – 24, 2016.** **You must be a member of SOCCGS to participate in this trip.** A membership application with more information is available online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgcs/>.

Amazon Associates and Additional NARA Information

ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS!

by Christine Elia, Treasurer

As most of you know, QHGS participates in the Amazon Associates program. Amazon donates at least 4% of their sales to us through this program, but I am puzzled why we have only earned \$37 so far this year when we had \$77 at this time last year. I suspect it is because of the competing Amazon Smile program. That program contributes very little—only 0.5% of sales—to our group. **We can earn 8 times as much through the Amazon Associates program!**

Hmmm . . . so, which program are **YOU** using? If you sign into Amazon on the “smile” page and see the Society’s name, you are using the Smile program. If you don’t know where that is, good for you, as we prefer that you use the Associates program. However, if you put your purchases in your cart and then click on the Amazon logo on our website which takes you back to Amazon.com so you can pay; then, you are using the Associates program! If you use both programs at the same time, we can earn 4.5% of your purchases.

Now, here are two hints to make this easy:

First, where is that logo on the QHGS website? If you don’t remember our website, you can bookmark <http://www.qhgs.info/shop.html> OR you can google “Questing Heirs” and click on “shop” on the left. Once you click on the Amazon logo, you will be back on their website and can see “quesheir-20” as part of the url.

Second, maybe you shop on Amazon, but just don’t remember to visit our website. That can be remedied by putting our QHGS initials as part of your shipping label to **REMIND YOU** to go back and click on the logo on our website, which will then return you to Amazon. If you already have our initials in your shipping label, you **STILL NEED TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE**. For example, my shipping address shows my name as “QHGS.com Christine Elia,” followed by my address. Whenever I get ready to pay and it asks where I want to ship to, I see my “name” and address and am reminded to go to our website.

Next time you go to checkout and see your shipping address, you can edit it to remind yourself to click on the logo each time you make a purchase. (To change your shipping label—not your credit card name—go to *Your Account*, then scroll down to *Change Account Settings*, then edit your name.) **Now we’re ready for some online shopping!** Did you know there are a lot of things besides books that you can buy on Amazon—things like **Quilts, Hoverboards, Grills, and Sleepers**, to name just a few? Let’s all do our Amazon holiday shopping through the Questing Heirs website and give our Society a gift for Christmas!

FOLLOW-UP ARCHIVES QUESTIONS

by Christine Elia, November Speaker

There were a lot of good questions during and after last month’s talk. I’d like to share some of them with you.

Q: I know the WWII draft registration records for the “Old Man’s Draft” are available, but can I get the record for younger men?

A: Yes, see <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/archival-programs/other-records/selective-service.html>.

Q: My father worked at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard. Would NARA have records for him?

A: Only if he worked for the Navy or had federal employment. The vast majority of employees were civilians who may have worked for the California Shipbuilding Corp. or Bethlehem Steel. In Wilmington, civilians worked for Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Corp., Consolidated Steel Corp., Western Pipe and Steel Co., and other firms. (*Polk’s Long Beach City Directory 1943-44*, p.15, at the LBPL digital archive <http://encore.lbpl.org/iii/cpro/app>).

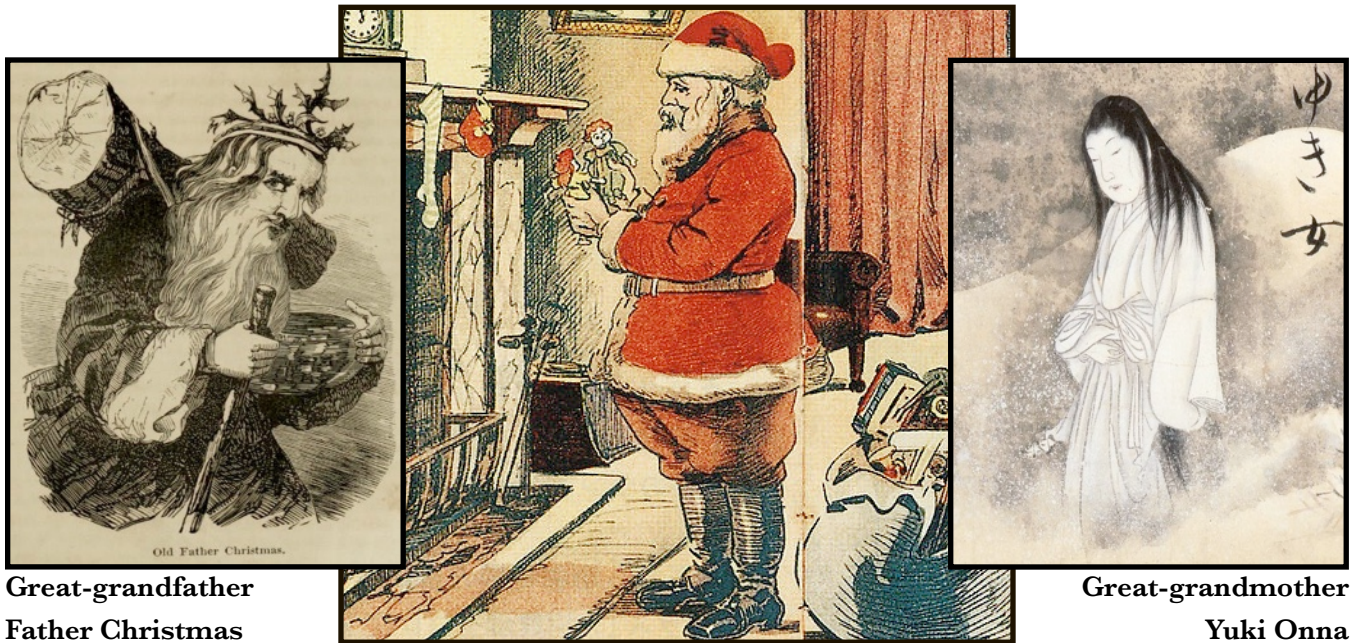
Q: Where can I read about the poetry found in the Navy Deck Logs?

A: See <http://narations.blogs.archives.gov/2010/07/21/hidden-treasures-from-within-navy-deck-logs/>.

Q: What was that last website you referenced?

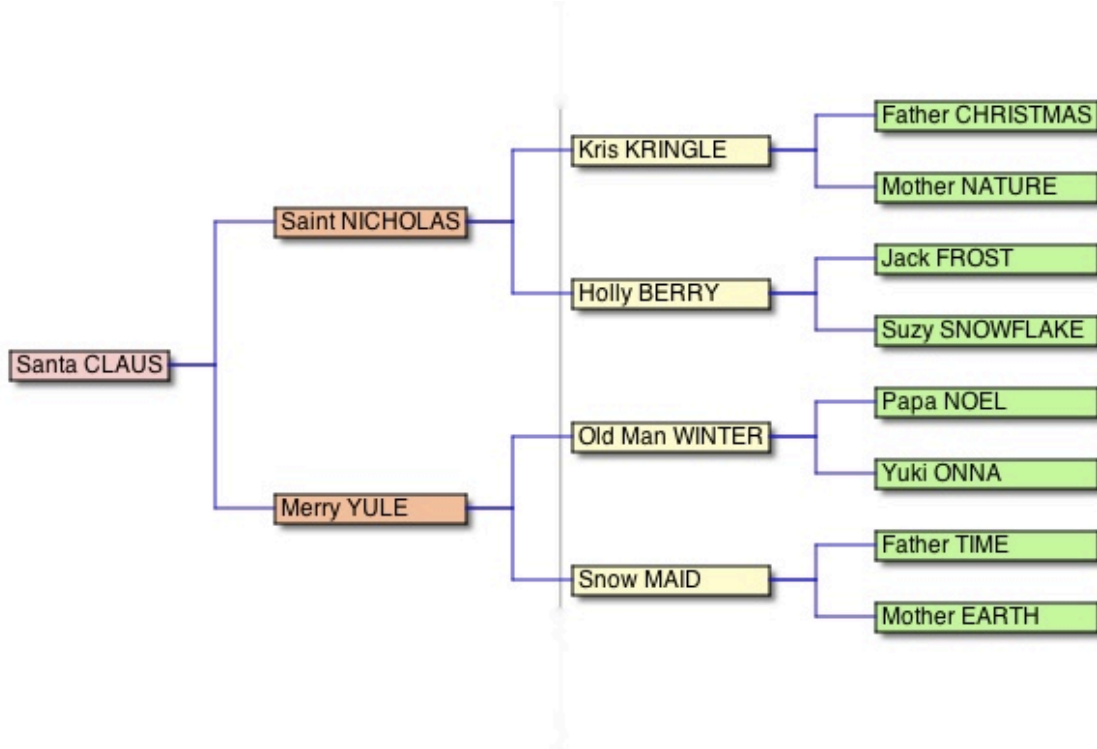
A: See the “Library Guide and Collections Overview” catalog link at the bottom of <http://nehgs.org/visit>.

Santa's 4-Generation Pedigree Chart



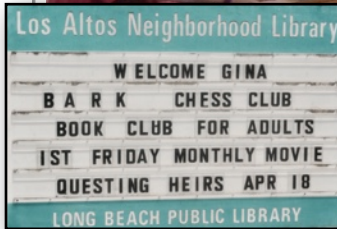
Great-grandfather
Father Christmas

Great-grandmother
Yuki Onna

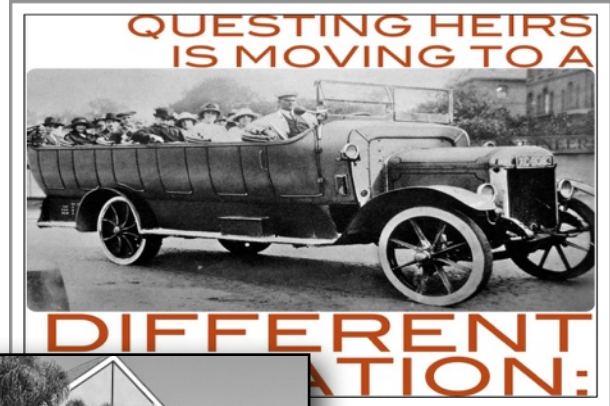


Mr. Claus Has an Impressive Lineage with Ancestors from Many Countries

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**April 18
Library Month
Genealogy
Classes**

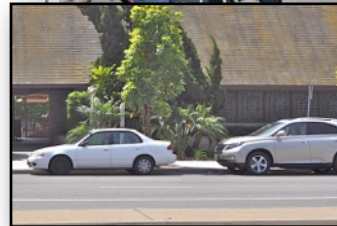


**April 19
Questing Heirs
Meets at
Brethren Church**

QHGS members heard the following speakers at our 2015 meetings: Laurie Angel, Christine Elia, Ted Gostin, Dick Humphrey, Christina McKillip, Connie Moretti, Gena Philibert-Ortega, Susan Roberge, Jane Neff-Rollins, Lisa Schumacher, Randy Seaver, Gordon Seyffert, Eric Siess PhD CG, Shirley Siems Terry, Mary Van Orsdol, Mary Anne Vincent, Dave Werts and Pam Wiedenbeck.



**April 25
LB Volunteer Day
Cemetery
Clean-up**



**May 17
Questing Heirs
Meets at
Methodist Chapel**

Member accomplishments: Christine Elia attended the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy in January; Susan Roberge went to SLC in April; Liz Stookesberry-Myers attended classes at the British Institute in SLC; Kathy Latham's article about the William "Tommy" Ross family was published in *The Sonoma Searcher*; and Sandy Hollandsworth's research was accepted, so she is now a member of the DAR!

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**May 5
Fundraiser
Papalucci's
Restaurant**



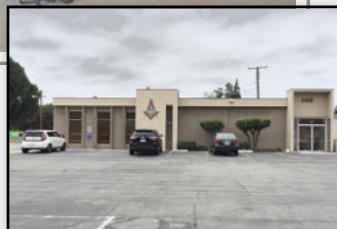
**June 13
Field Trip
Huntington Beach
Public Library**



Questing Heirs members heard the following speakers at local events and seminars: Geoffrey D. Rasmussen at the 32nd annual WAGS seminar on January 31; Tom Jones at CVGS seminar on March 21; F. Warren Bittner at GSNOC seminar on July 11; Ciel Wendt at 25th PGSC anniversary seminar on July 25; Zack Wilske at OCJGS lecture on October 7; and Dick Eastman at SOCCGS seminar on October 17.



**September 20
Questing Heirs
Moves to
Masonic Hall**



**September 20
QHGS Newsletter
Receives
CSGA Award**



Genealogists who became members of Questing Heirs in 2015: Patti Chamberlin, Olivia Cueva-Fernández, Sharon Gerhardt, Cindy Greene, Nina Gustin, Darlene Hawkins, Sandy McDonald, Cathy Rokicki, Diana Transue, Jane Transue, and Leanora Weber.

In Memoriam 2015: Charlotte Lewellyn and George Johnson.

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