



## Editor's Note

### California Resources and Much More

The California Genealogical Society and its library offers a rich range of resources for all -- beginners to advanced researchers. And it's not only about those researching California ancestors.

Whether you're a first-generation Californian or from a family who has deep roots in the state, you're bound to discover that our [library's holdings of books and periodicals](#), access to online databases, and variety of topics for our Saturday classes, special seminars, and even informal discussion groups will help you in your search for your family's history.

If you're not sure we have what you need, ask one of the volunteers who sit at our front desk! You're likely to find that we have much more than you ever expected.

See you at the library!

## August and September Classes

### California Genealogical Society & Library 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

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| <b>Saturday, August 9</b>     | <a href="#">Data Tsunami: I Thought It Was a Small Family!</a> , with Jane Hufft, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.                           |
| <b>Saturday, August 23</b>    | <a href="#">Directories: City, School, Professional, &amp; More</a> , with Stephen Harris, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.                 |
| <b>Saturday, August 30</b>    | <a href="#">Advanced Genealogy Series</a> (class 1 of 5), with Susan Goss Johnston, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.                       |
| <b>Saturday, September 6</b>  | <a href="#">Beginning Genealogy</a> , with Pam Miller, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Saturday, September 20</b> | <a href="#">Digital Image Editing Basics: A Hands-on Workshop</a> , with Ron Madson, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.                        |
| <b>Saturday, September 27</b> | <a href="#">Read All About It: Using Online Newspapers for Genealogical Research</a> , with Janice Sellers, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| <b>Saturday, September 27</b> | <a href="#">Finding Your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and Japan</a> , with Linda Okazaki, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.                    |



For more August events, check out the [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#).

## New England Historic Genealogical Society Comes West to Berkeley

**Only a limited number of spaces are still available!**



Due to the overwhelming demand for this event on Saturday, September 13, we've added extra seating. But this one-day seminar is likely to sell out -- so [sign up today!](#)

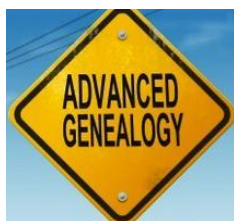
The **New England Historic Genealogical Society Comes West to Berkeley** event will focus on New England and New York records. NEHGS genealogists Chris Child and Alice Kane will discuss resources and tips, with a special emphasis on resources available online. [Review the day's schedule.](#)

An optional dinner will take place at Berkeley's Hotel Shattuck, and NEHGS President and CEO, D. Brenton Simons, will be the guest speaker. ([Separate registration for dinner required.](#))

Items are still needed for the fundraising silent auction. If you'd like to contribute item(s) to it, contact [Jane Lindsey](#).

## Advanced Genealogy Five-Part Series

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Have you searched census records, military records, and every probate and land record you can find, but still can't seem to solve that frustrating research problem? If so, you're ready for **expert Susan Goss Johnston's guidance** on advancing your skills in research methodology and practicing the Genealogical Proof Standard.

This five-part course requires prior research experience and includes homework (that focuses on your own research). Specific class topics:

- **Saturday, August 30:** Context -- The Key to Thorough Analysis
- **Saturday, September 6:** Transcribe, Abstract, Think, and Plan
- **NEW DATE & TIME -- Thursday, September 11, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.:** Research Report and Proof Argument
- **Saturday, September 20:** Writing and interesting Family History
- **Saturday, October 4:** Genealogy and the Law

Saturday classes will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The course fee is \$80 for members; \$100 for non-members. **Only a few seats left -- [sign up now.](#)**

## Summer Thursdays -- Extended Hours & Evening Discussions

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Continuing through the end of August, the library will be open for extended hours on Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 8:15 p.m. Informal discussions will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on these topics:



**August 7:** Resources for San Francisco Researchers, facilitated by Sandra Britt-Huber

**August 14:** German discussion group, facilitated by Lisa Gorrell

**August 21:** DNA Testing for Genealogy, facilitated by Pam Miller

**August 28:** Got Questions? Bring Them to Discuss with Our Research Team

Join us! There's no need to RSVP or register. Non-members are welcome. There's a \$5.00 user fee for non-members, but that fee will be waived for those who arrive after 5:00 p.m. for the discussions.

If you plan to drive, the lot in the rear of the building has a reduced rate after 3:00 p.m., and the metered spaces in Oakland are free after 6:00 p.m. (but they fill up fast!) Traveling by BART is easier -- get off at the 19th Street station. Group discussions will end by 8:00 p.m. to allow for everyone to walk to BART together before dark.

## Did You Miss These Posts?

### Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog

*Blog Editor, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco*

Catch up on the latest California Ancestors Blog posts!

- [The Search is on! Researching at the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Pt. 1](#)
- [July Membership Meeting: DNA Testing for Genealogy with Pam Miller](#)
- [Nikkei Genealogy with Linda Okazaki: Ethnic Discussion Group Series](#)

## Special Interest Group Meetings and More

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**Saturday, August 9:** Stephen Harris City Directory Library, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 12:** Book Repair Committee, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 15:** Stephen Harris City Directory Library, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 16:** San Francisco Special Interest Group, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

*The RootsMagic Special Interest Group will be on hiatus until the fall.*

## American Society of Genealogists -- ASG Scholar Award

### September 30 deadline!



For almost 20 years, the American Society of Genealogists has awarded an annual scholarship to a genealogist, genealogical librarian, or researcher (in a related field) as a way to recognize talent and build genealogical expertise.

The award winner will receive a \$500 stipend toward tuition and expenses to attend one of these five top-notch academic programs in American genealogy:

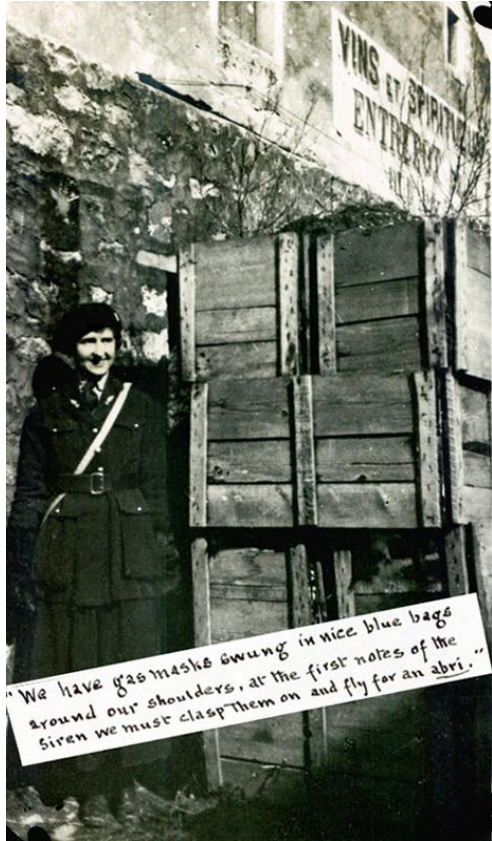
- Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, Ala.)
- National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C.
- Certificate Program in Genealogical Research at Boston University
- Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy
- Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh

To qualify, applicants must submit a published work or a manuscript of work in progress, to be judged by a panel of Fellows. **This year's deadline is September 30, so don't delay!** [Learn more.](#)

# Ancestor Tribute: They Came from Everywhere!

## American Sisters Volunteer for Active Duty During World War I

By Alexa Gregory, member since 2010



Before the United States officially joined World War I in April 1917, my grandmother, Alexine Mitchell Gregory, and her sister, Marion Otis Mitchell, left Alameda, California, for France to assist the AFFW (American Fund for the French Wounded). This group was organized in 1915 by Anne Morgan and Isabel Lathrop to give support to wounded French soldiers and citizens.

Alexine trained at the San Francisco Presidio and Marion took auto mechanics classes from Heald College, and both had training with the American Red Cross before heading to France. There they drove (and repaired) supply vehicles, and later Red Cross ambulances. Not many women in the United States in 1916 drove cars, let alone in active war conditions. Both Alexine and Marion were able to tear vehicle engines apart and get them back in service by their own ingenuity.

Aboard the S.S. Rochambeau traveling to France, Marion was among only a handful of women. Most of the passengers were young men from American Ivy League colleges who had left school for the adventure of driving ambulances in France. Shortly after Marion arrived in Paris in June 1917, the first American troops arrived in Paris. While there are many accounts of the young men who volunteered to help France's war efforts, the story of the American women who volunteered has not been well documented.

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**We enjoy honoring members' ancestors.** Please email a photo to [Lorna Wallace](#), along with a short summary about why the ancestor featured is important to you. Photos should be in .jpg format with a file size over 100 kb; photos and text may be edited for space.

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