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Editor's Note

February is a busy month for events

Along with Lovers, Presidents and Chinese New Year, February is also Black History Month when celebrate and connect to our African roots. The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) is hosting [Black Family History Day on Feb 15](#).

Still looking for a New Year's resolution? [Volunteer](#) with CGS! Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information.



Stewart (your new eNews editor)

Registration Now Open – Scots-Irish Family History Research Seminar, March 2015

Holiday Inn & Suites Oakland Airport

77 Hegenberger Road, Oakland



Are you one of the more than 34.8 million Americans who can claim Irish or Scots-Irish ancestry? If so, our Scots-Irish Family History Research Seminar is right for you!

This all-day event will take place **Sunday, March 29, 2015**, and will feature presentations by Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt of the Ulster

Historical Foundation in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Topics for this lecture-filled day include:

- Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research
- Records Related to the Different Churches in Ireland
- Using land records: Griffith's Valuation, Tithe and Estate records
- Emigration from the North of Ireland to North America and the Sources for its Study
- The Ulster Plantation: Sources for 17th Century Families in Ireland (not just Ulster)
- Solving Your Brick Walls: Practical Internet Tutorial and Resolving Research Problems

There will also be books for sale, such as *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors: The Essential Genealogical Guide to Early Modern Ulster, 1600-1800* by William Roulston, a silent auction, and a raffle.

In addition to all of the presentations, the registration fee includes:

- Buffet breakfast
- Buffet lunch
- Afternoon snack
- Coffee, tea, & water throughout the day
- Free parking in the parking lot and free shuttle service from the Oakland Coliseum BART stop.

Early Bird Discount extended

Cost Starting

to February 5, 2015	February 6, 2015
\$90 -- CGS Member	\$100 CGS Member
\$110 -- Non-Member	\$125 Non-Member

The 2009 version of this seminar was very popular, so book your seat now by taking advantage of the early bird discount. [Register early!](#)

Big Conferences in Salt Lake City, February 2015

Salt Palace Convention Center Salt Lake City, Utah



[Federation of
Genealogical
Societies](#)

February 11-14

[RootsTech](#)



February 12-14

If you plan on attending any of these events, please contact [Kim Cotton](#) or [Linda Harms Okazaki](#). It's fun to know which CGS members are attending conferences and a group photo is always a must.

San Francisco History Expo, February 2015

The Old Mint Fifth and Mission, San Francisco



The **5th Annual San Francisco History Expo** will occur at the Old Mint on February 28 and March 1, 2015. The California Genealogical Society is proud to be participating in this event.

Visit the [San Francisco History Expo](#) for the latest information on times, location and admission prices.

Special THANKS! to [Sandra Britt-Huber](#) for heading up this event.

Meetings and More

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Saturday, February 21: CGS Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A roster of the CGS Board of Directors selected at the January meeting:

Board of Director - Officers	
Linda Okazaki	President
Diana Edwards	Vice-President / Membership
Kathie Jones	Treasurer
Lisa Gorrell	Recording Secretary
Karen Lemelin	Corresponding Secretary

Board of Directors	
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Marcelle White	
Felicia Addison	Outreach
Tim Cox	Events
Jim Sorenson	Research
Todd Armstrong	
Therese Hart-Pignotti	

Saturday, February 21:

[San Francisco Special Interest Group](#)

Sandra Britt-Huber 10 - 11:30. Sherman Room.

Classes

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Saturday, February 7 [Intro to Genealogy](#), with Ron Madson, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 7 [Intro to Genealogy](#), with Dick Rees, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For additional January events, check out the [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#). And [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

15th Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip – Registration Now Open

Family History Library Salt Lake City, Utah



Our **annual research trip to Salt Lake City** will take place April 26 - May 3, 2015. This is a fun opportunity for members to explore the library together, with guidance from experienced genealogists and CGS members, Nancy Peterson, Jane Lindsey, and Lisa Gorrell.

The trip package includes:

- * 7 nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel
- * Shuttle service to and from airport
- * 3 group dinners
- * Orientation and lectures; computer assistance with the online catalog
- * Optional pre-trip consultation

Cost: \$845 per person, double occupancy; \$1,180 for a single room. Final payment due March 15, 2015. [Learn more and register today](#) -- the spots fill up quickly!

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog

Blog Editor, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

- [The Path to Becoming a Genealogy Educator - Part 1](#)
- [SFPL: Personal Digital Archiving Series](#)

New Membership Perk!

California Genealogical Society & Library



We're proud to announce a new membership perk: a discount on new annual World Subscriptions with FindMyPast.com.

[FindMyPast](#) offers more than 1.7 billion international family history records from around the globe, including more than 1,000 exclusive collections that you won't find online anywhere else. With this partnership, **CGS members will receive a \$40.00 discount on an annual world subscription.**

To take advantage of this discount, sign in with your membership number and email address on [CaliforniaAncestors.org](#) -- the discount code is posted on the main "welcome" page for members. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page. Forgot your number? [Contact the CGS Membership team](#).

Ancestor Tribute

by Terry Coddington, CGS Member



CGS member, Terry Coddington, with parents and relatives on his mother's side of the family

This is one of my favorite favorite ancestor photos because I'm in it, as are all of my female ancestors on my mother's side, with whom I knew and grew up. I estimate it was taken in the first half of 1938.

From left to right: my mother's brother (holding me), my mother Mamie Pearl **Preece** (1914-1983) and father Millard Calvin **Coddington** (1912-2000), my mother's other brother and his wife, my maternal grandmother (born Molly Bell **Smith**), and maternal great-grandmother (born Sarah Jane **Seabolt**). My cousin, firstborn of the uncle holding me, is in the front. The picture was taken in southern California, and my estimation of its vintage is helped by the mound above my mother's hands: my sister, Deanna, was born 1 June, 1938.

The Smith-Seabolts were from Lumpkin County, Georgia, and my mother was a Californian from a 1910 union of Molly Bell and Andrew Giddens Preece, a Texan.

We enjoy honoring members' ancestors. Please email a photo to [Lorna Wallace](#), along with a short

summary about why the ancestor featured is important or interesting to you. Photos should be in .jpg format with a file size over 100 kb; photos and text may be edited for space.

In Memoriam

Grace M. Frontin - CGS Member, Obituary

In this city, January 14, 2015. Grace was a 4th generation San Franciscan and **genealogist to our family**. She taught elementary school for 35 yrs in the SF public schools. She was the daughter of Isabelle W and Joseph T Frontin. She is survived by eight of her nieces and nephews, Michael, John, Mark, Gale and Katherine McQuiller. As well as, Joanne Mc-Queen, Patricia Woods and Maureen Motyer. She is also survived by thirteen grand nieces and nephews, and, five great nieces and nephews. Additionally, she will be greatly missed by her cousins Katharine and Patricia Keeley, and Susan, Barbara and Benjamin Benson. She enjoyed a host of friends and family with whom she attended various activities: Giants games, camping, dining, fishing, bridge playing and socializing. Grace had a wealth of personal interests she enjoyed, such as, daily walks, swimming, genealogy, star gazing, world traveling and reading. We will truly miss her strength, guidance and unique ability to embrace and explore diversity.



This obituary appears in [SF Gate. Legacy.com](http://SF.Gate.Legacy.com) where you can sign the guest book.

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