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Editor's Note

April is for Spring Flowers

Days are getting warmer, brighter and being inside at work is getting harder. Remember that April Showers bring May Flowers. And we are in a bad drought. Despite all this lovely springing everywhere - THINK RAIN.



CGS welcomes three new volunteers:

- **Nancy Cork** is the new Periodicals Manager in the Library;
- **Stella Allison** will be assisting with the Events Committee;
- **Adelle Treakle** will be working on Membership data entry.

CGS thrives with the generosity of its volunteers! If you are interested in donating some of your time and talent to CGS, check out our [Volunteer Positions](#) page on the CGS website or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information.

Stewart

Local Conferences



[Sonoma County Genealogical Society 2015 Spring Seminar Presents](#)

Thomas MacEntee

Creator of Genebloggers, owner of Hi-Def Genealogy and Hack Genealogy

April 18, 2015 - 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Person Auditorium at the Finley Center

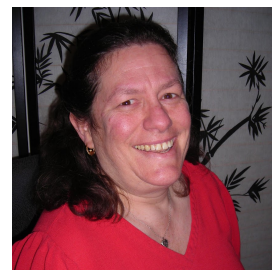
[Calaveras Genealogical Society Spring Seminar](#)

Janice M. Sellers

[Ancestral Discoveries Blog](#)

April 18, 2015 - 9:50 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

At the Family History Center





"My Germans" A Workshop for Ancestor-Chasers
with Roger P. Minert, PhD, A.G. and other presenters
April 25, 2015 - 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 A.M.

National Conferences

These conferences are also scheduled for 2015. Pencil them into your electronic calendars and start planning your travel arrangements. More information will be presented here as the dates approach.

- [Crossroads of America - National Genealogical Society](#) - May 13-16, 2015, St. Charles, MO
- [46th Annual Jamboree - Southern California Society and Family Research Library](#)
 - June 5-7, 2015, Burbank, California
- [Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) - June 7-12, 2015, Birmingham, Alabama
- [Geneological Research Institute of Pittsburgh](#) - June and July, 2015, La Roche College
- [The Northwest Genealogy Conference](#) - August 13-15, 2015, Arlington, WA

Classes

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



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| Saturday, April 4 | Intro to Genealogy
with Pam Miller, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, April 25 | Photoshop for Family History - Overview
with Ron Madson, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, May 2 | Intro to Genealogy
with Ron Madson, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, May 9 | Using Photoshop Elements in Family History - Overview
with Ron Madson, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, May 23 | Creating Graphic Family Trees with Photoshop
with Ron Madson, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |

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

Meetings and More

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



Saturday, April 18: CGS Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18: [San Francisco Special Interest Group](#)
Sandra Britt-Huber, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Sherman Room

Genealogy in Multimedia

Other places to find Genealogy techniques

by Stewart Blandón Traiman

Recently I came across a YouTube video by CGP Gray entitled [Your Family Tree Explained](#). I'm a fan of CGP Gray's content, though most of his material is not about genealogy. But this got me thinking of what other great resources might be found in Video or Podcasts. I put together a short list of YouTube channels that are dedicated to Genealogy.

- [National Genealogical Society](#)
- [Family Search](#)
- [RootsMagic TV](#)
- [Family Tree Magazine](#)
- [Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems](#)



Podcasts

- [The Genealogy Guys](#)
- [Genealogy on Demand](#)
- [GENi Podcast](#)
- [Irish Roots Cafe Genealogy and History](#)



Enjoy!

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog

Blog Editor, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

- [Lisa Gorrell on the upcoming 15th Annual FHL Salt Lake City Research Tour to SLC](#)

New Membership Perk!

California Genealogical Society & Library



[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.

We are excited to announce FindMyPast is now offering a flat **50% off the annual World subscription** (over \$99 off) for all CGS members! You can find the code on our [Welcome](#) page once you log in as a member. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page.

If you've forgotten your CGS number please [contact the CGS Membership team](#).

Ancestor Tribute

by Stewart Blandón Traiman

	<p>Crisanto Zelaya Rosales was my maternal great-grandfather. He is an important figure in my family's history because he had many children and he can be found on both sides</p>
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Crisanto Zelaya Rosales (seated). Five of his children from left to right - Elba Guitierrez, Arnoldo Martinez, Cecilia Martinez (my grandmother), Cesar Augusto Martinez and Isolina Blandón. This picture was likely taken circa 1936, on October 4 which was a shared birthday for both Elba and Cecilia.

of my family tree. Crisanto was born about 1892 most likely in Granada, Nicaragua to Leandro Rosales and Carmen Zelaya. Note that his name does not follow Spanish conventions of paternal surname before the maternal surname. I have not determined why this is, but I suspect his parents were not married to each other.

Crisanto became an importer of machine parts and set up his business in El Jicaro, Nicaragua. While there he brought two of his daughter, Elba Guitierrez and Isolina Blandon, to live with him and paid for their schooling. Crisanto also ran a popular night club, sold fabrics and hardware in La Trinidad, Nicaragua.

He was very fond of crossword puzzles and gambling. He lost his home and business to the latter hobby. He also loved women and though he never married, he had many lovers and children while traveling for business in Nicaragua.

He died of Emphysema and Heart disease on 15 Jun 1973 at the age of 81 in [La Trinidad, Nicaragua](#) and he is buried in the municipal cemetery there.

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.

Connect with Us

See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information



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