



July 2016 Announcements

July is for Revolution

This month the United States of America is 240 years old. Can you trace your family back to the colonies? There are many fantastic resources to help genealogists discover more about ancestors that lived in and around the time of the American Revolution.



- [Daughters of the American Revolution \(DAR\)](#)
- [Sons of the American Revolutions \(SAR\)](#)
- [Family Search Wiki on Revolution War Service Records](#)
- [Finding a Patriot](#)



- **Want to be part of our inaugural Washington, D.C. Research Trip?** It's scheduled to take place from November 12-20. Our group will stay at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge in Arlington, just a short metro ride from Archives I. Registration opens July 10. This trip will be limited to 20 researchers and will include visits to Archives I and II, the Library of Congress, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Library, plus two group dinners. Want more information? Please contact [Linda Okazaki](#).
- **Extended Thursday Summer Hours, June through August:** Beginning June 9th, the library is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Having trouble getting to the library on Saturdays? Good news! We have extended hours through the end of August on Thursday evenings. You can come in as early as 10 a.m. and stay until 8 p.m. Desk volunteers, Jane Lindsey and Therese Hart-Pignotti, will be happy to help you with your research questions. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you want individualized, one-on-one advice, please see our Genealogy Camp event listed below, where you can sign up for a 30-minute consultation.
- **Are you looking to network with other Young Bay Area genealogists?** If yes, you're invited to join CGS Young Genealogists (ages 18-45) for their first gathering on August 11th from 6-8pm at the California Genealogical Society's Library at 2201 Broadway in Oakland. We will enjoy snacks and drinks while brainstorming ideas for future events. The event is free for members, and non-members are invited to attend for a fee of \$5, which can be applied to a CGS membership. [Register here](#). Have questions? Please contact [Laura Manion](#) or [Katie Welka](#).
- **Fan of Cyndi's List?** We've got the amazing [Cyndi Ingle Seminar at Preservation Park](#)

coming up on November 5th. It's a day of learning focused on how to dig deeper into online genealogical resources with a wonderful lunch included. If you're not familiar, [Cyndi's List](#) is an award-winning site which helps millions of visitors worldwide. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 35 years, is a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society. She is also the author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet. Interested? [Learn how](#) to be a part of this special day!

- **Got BOOKS that you want to donate or get rid of? Give to us and help us raise money.** CGS volunteers [sell books on eBay](#) to raise needed funds for the Library. If you have non-fiction, historical or genealogical books in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating some or all of your collection to our library. All proceeds from these sales keep the Library running and available for your use. Please email [Arlene Miles](#) with any questions you may have. Thank you!

Genealogy Summer Camps



Are you a beginner in need of a jump start? Or are you a more experienced genealogist who could use some insight and guidance on your more vexing roadblocks?

CGS is offering successive [Thursday evenings this summer beginning July 7 and ending August 25](#). Our expert Genealogy Camp Counselors will be on hand to help you with your research questions.

Schedule your 30-minute one-on-one campfire session today with an expert in one of the following topics: Getting Started, German, French-Canadian, DNA, New York, Adoption, Japanese-American, New England, Family Tree, Ireland, and more topics to come.

The camp counselors lineup includes Robert Jackson, Jane Lindsey, Pam Miller, Stephen Harris, Linda Okazaki, Vinnie Schwarz, Therese Hart-Pignotti, Pam Brett and Laura Manion and more to be added.

Who knows, there may even be S'mores...Your consultation fee will support California Genealogical Society and Library's ongoing mission. [Register](#) today for an evening of your choice.

Classes

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



As usual, here's our wonderful line-up of classes for this month.

As a friendly reminder, when registering for a class or event on Eventbrite you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration (effective April 1, 2016).

Forgot your number? No problem, just send us a request at membership@californiaancestors.org.



Saturday,
July 9

[San Francisco Western Neighborhoods Project](#)

Woody LaBounty, San Francisco history expert, story teller, story collector and founder, talks about The Western Neighborhoods Project (WNP), a group that celebrates the "Outside Lands" of San Francisco.

A pilot project covering a small portion of the collection with images of the Cliff House, Sutro Baths, Sutro Heights, and Ocean Beach areas, is the first online installment.

1 to 2:30 p.m.



Saturday,
July 23

[The Anatomy of BMD: What You Don't Know About Vital Records](#)

Everyone knows about the "BMD" (birth, marriage, death) vital records, right? It's one of the first records you look for in the hunt for your ancestors. But do you know everything about those records you seek? What do you do when no records exist? This presentation looks at the history of vital records in the United States, variations of those records, and alternatives.

[Gena Philibert-Ortega](#)

10 to Noon



Saturday,
July 23

[I'm in the Book: Researching Women in Directories](#)

City directories are great but what other types of directories exist that can lead you to information about female ancestors? Surprisingly there are all kinds that include church, community, genealogy, and membership organizations. Learn more about directories, what they contain and most importantly where to find them.

[Gena Philibert-Ortega](#)

1 to 3 p.m.



Saturday,
July 29

[Y-DNA for Genealogy](#)

The presentation will include a review of the tests, tools and methodology for using Y chromosome DNA in patrilineal research. There will be discussion of haplogroup determination, interpretation of match lists, the use of surname projects and "deep" ancestry estimates.

James Russell

1 to 2:30 p.m.



Saturday,
Aug 6

[Introduction to Genealogy](#)
with Dick Rees
1 to 3 p.m.



Saturday,
Aug 13

[Secrets from the Grave](#)
Cemeteries can be a rich source of information for the family historian. Join Bill O'Neil for an illuminating overview of graveyards and markers, and an exploration of a variety of death-related documents. Bill's talk will include images of interesting tombstones from some of his favorite haunts.

Bill O'Neil
1 to 3 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



July's Board Meeting has been cancelled.

Saturday, July 16: [Family Tree Maker SIG](#), 1 - 4 p.m.
Devoted exclusively to Family Tree Maker™ Software from Ancestry.com. Please register for this event.



Saturday, July 16: [San Francisco SIG](#), 10 - 11:30 a.m.

- If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, RootsMagic, Mayflower Descendants, Family History Writers, Latinos, Scrapbooking, etc.), then please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#).
- If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#).

CGS Volunteers



Several [volunteer](#) positions are vacant

Are you a member of CGS? Then please consider sharing your time and talents with the organization that supports your ancestor quests by



becoming one of our generous volunteers.

Here's what we're currently looking for:

Events Assistant - Our Events Assistants greet and check in attendees, print and distribute name badges, orient speakers to equipment, introduce speakers, make announcements about upcoming classes (mainly on Saturdays), set up and organize the breakdown of classroom furniture.

Post-Event Survey Manager - Use SurveyMonkey and Eventbrite to send out and communicate results of surveys of our CGS classes. The job can be done with internet access at your home. Surveys are sent almost weekly and need to go out promptly after the conclusion of classes.

Offsite Events Assistant - Help us with various duties involving special offsite events, held 2-3 times a year.

Marketing - Work with us to spread the word about our events and classes. Got ideas for using social media, press releases, posters, or working with print and broadcast media? Let's talk!

120th CGS Anniversary Historian - In 2018, CGS will be 120-years-old! Champagne, party hats and noisemakers will be in good supply, but we also need a volunteer now to help us compile the glorious history of the organization that has helped thousands of people compile their own family histories!

Interested in helping with events? We need volunteers to make our upcoming November 5th event, [Cyndi Ingle Seminar at Preservation Park](#), a success! Would you like to help? If that's not your cup of tea, then how about being one of our generous genealogy enthusiasts that help with our on-going classes and events? We need you, so come give it a try. Who knows, you might have a blast!

Ready to get started? You're going to be great and of course, training is provided for all jobs. If you can help us with any of these volunteer jobs, upcoming events, have questions or want more details, please contact Kathleen Beitiks.

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information

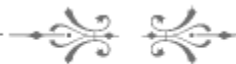
CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

Please subscribe to the [CGS Blog](#). If you haven't been receiving our blog posts on a regular basis, be sure to re-subscribe. It is a great source of information about classes, events, volunteers and members.

We want and need your stories! If you would like to publish in our blog please contact [Shannon Reese](#), the Blog Editor.

[Wordless Wednesday:CGS at Jamboree 2016](#) by Linda Okazaki



What does the genealogy community have to say?

Here's a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Bridging Family History Gaps with State Censuses](#) by Amie Bowser Tennant on RootsBid

[Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems](#) on YouTube

[Young Genealogists and Your Society](#) by Melanie Frick & Shannon Combs-Bennett

[The Act of 14 April](#) by Judy G Russell on the Legal Genealogist

[The first census? Population count from 1780's discovered in an old ledger](#) by Frederick Wertz on FindMyPast

[Elizabeth Shown Mills Ten-point Study Blueprint](#) on Adventures in Genealogy

People are Talking

Want to know what people found most interesting on Facebook & Twitter?

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for June:

[Snapshot USA: 1950 Census Enumeration District Maps](#)

by Ellen Mulligan, The National Archives' Unwritten Record Blog

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for June:

[8 Ways to Begin Your Genealogy Journey Using Evernote](#)

by Pamela Rosen, Evernote's Blog

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

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](#).

Other Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area. For the latest events, check out member Kathryn Doyle's [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#) that is updated monthly.

Want to get another Bay Area genealogical society's perspective? Then keep current with our neighbor to the south by visiting the [San Mateo Genealogical Society's blog](#).

Below are just a few of the local conferences that may be of interest in your area.

- [GRIP](#) Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh - Two separate weeks of classes. June 26 to July 1, 2016 and July 17 to 26.
- [36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#) in Seattle, Washington, USA. August 27, 2016. Registration open January 3, 2016.

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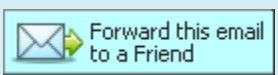
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information

Volunteer positions available include:
Proof Readers, Instructors, Clerical Assistance, Library Work, Technology and Others.



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